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Spring Fever

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Matt Kruk '98 spots junior Ben Reynolds as he performs his death-defying catwalk routine on a window ledge of Milbank.

Commencement; Class and Charter Day plans

By Scott Von Duhn '01
News Staff Writer

We are coming to the end of the year here on the Hill, and our thoughts are turning to the last day of classes and the spring weather so rare in these parts. That day is just around the corner.

The convocation, which marks the end of the 1997-98 academic year and the start of Class and Charter Day ceremonies, will begin at 3 p.m. in the Chapel on Friday and is open to the public. Students are encouraged to came and support their classmates who have made permanent marks at Hamilton through dedication and persistence in their studies and sports. Prizes will be awarded to those exceptional and outstanding students as well for various achievements in academics and recognition of athletic awards. No afternoon classes will be held on Friday. The Class and Charter Day speaker is Robert Howard, former securities executive and long-time College trustee and community volunteer. His speech is entitled "Straddling the War at Hamilton."

Howard came to Hamilton from nearby Binghamton, but like many of the college students in the 40's, had his personal life and college career disrupted by the war. He later returned to the Hill and graduated with a bachelor's degree.

"Beginning with Reynolds & Company brokerage firm he contributed, over the next 30 years, to the company's expansion and success, eventually retiring in 1984 as executive Vice President of what had become Dean Witter Reynolds," stated Mike Debraggio in a press release. "Over those years, Howard was also an active member of his community, working with the local Republican Committee, the zoning board of appeals, the United Fund, the local hospital and his church."

"Howard also has served since 1975 as a member of Hamilton's Board of Trustees, including service as the regional chair of the Campaign for the '90s," wrote DeBraggio. "In 1996, on the occasion of the 50th

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CAP forum discusses changes to curriculum

By Katherine Beaulier '01
News Staff Writer

The Committee on Academic Policy (CAP) held a meeting Wednesday night in the Red Pit to discuss a proposal for curricular changes.

"Two years ago, based on the concerns of various constituencies, the Dean felt that it was time to reassess curriculum at Hamilton. This is what we have attempted to do," said Tim Kelley, chair of the CAP, on the recent process of reevaluating the current educational system.

A board comprised of two students and three faculty members including Tim Kelley, Associate Professor of Mathematics, Jack Spangler '00, Matt Weiner '98, and Associate Dean of Students James Bradfield answered questions posed from an audience of students and discussed the new changes being devised and the importance of their implementation.

Through the efforts of Kelley, other CAP members, and the college faculty, Hamilton has developed and organized an academic plan to be installed by the year 2004. The current proposal consists of nine goals and several other requirements that must be completed by the end of a student's sophomore year. The goals enforce development of understanding in areas ranging from mathematical reasoning to non-Western social and cultural traditions, and encapsulate all areas of study.

Several other curricular changes have been proposed and accepted by the CAP in recent months as well. In addition to the fulfillment of nine goals, students will be required to complete at least five courses with an enrollment of eighteen students or less focusing on writing, oral communication, technology, or ethical issues. A separate requirement demands that students complete a 200-level seminar course at the conclusion of their sophomore year taught with an emphasis on integrative learning.

The culmination of these various goals will end in a Gateway

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IR Group hosts diverse fashion show

By Kathy Webber '00
News Staff Writer

Last night, the IR Group in conjunction with International Models Inc. and the Art Club presented Global Insight Series II: A Vision, entitled: "Music/Fasion and the Visual Arts: Vehicles for Cultural Expression and Cross-Cultural Dialogue." After last semester's Global Insight Series, Co-President Yao Odamtten '98 predicted the spring series would be "even bigger and better." He was right.

This semester's Global Insight Series consisted of a Ghanaian musical drum troupe, an art show and fashion show. The IR Group, currently under the leadership of Co-Presidents Odamtten and Meghan Hallock '98, presents a Global Insight Series (GIS) once a semester.

In an email publicizing the event, the IR Group described the GIS as a "mega-snazzy-shin-dig event whose main purpose is to find forms of communication that all cultures engage in, and as such, is an event that aims to invoke the spirit of international unity with sights and sounds from around the world."

Last night's events began at 7:30pm with EKEMEFEMO -"togetherness," the Ghanaian folk ensemble, who demonstrated the rhythms and pulses of West Africa in the barn.

Afterwards, a reception was held in Schambach and Cafe Opus where student art projects were displayed. Projects included sculptures, paintings, and photographs. Students enjoyed punch, fruit, cookies, and various ethnic foods.

PHOTO BY SARA BRAINARD '01

Joel Friedlander '98 struts his stuff.

At 9:15 pm, the fashion show, "The All About You Collection," was held. Audience members filled Cafe Opus. The fashion show, coordinated by Odamtten, was a huge success. Odamtten introduced the show and expressed the fact that the GIS and fashion show is a way to show the different ethnic and cultural groups on campus.

"There's more here than 'Hamilton Culture;' J-Crew, Gap, need I say more?"

Students and faculty were a

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Forum debates change

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PHOTO BY SARA BRAINARD '01

Students and faculty of the ACP listen to suggestions from the audience.

requirement; a presentation to made through oral and written work to two or more faculty members. The Gateway requirement would serve not only as a representation of a student's acquired learning, but also as a segway into their junior year in when they will begin more intensive work within a concentration.

The revised proposal presented last night was the most recent effort in what has been a long process in redefining the College's academic goals and expectations. After gathering reports and information on the current state of educational affairs, ACP drafted an eighty-page curriculum proposal that has been whittled down to the current existing twenty-five-page proposal. Although it has undergone numerous changes, parts of the proposal are still being questioned. A concern over the lack of multicultural requirements in the curriculum and questions pertaining to class weight and scheduling conflicts were discussed last night at the open forum.

Participants admitted that there was still much work to be done, but emphasized the importance of change.

"This is something dramatically new, but change is inevitable," said Spangler, Student Assembly Vice President, in defense of the new proposal. "Hamilton cannot undergo change standing still. We must embrace this need for change in the notion that Hamilton is trying to be distinctive and get at the heart of what a liberal arts education should be."

Looking to the future it appears that Hamilton will be embracing change. This summer, workshops will begin to outline the guidelines for limited-enrollment classes. Through continuous work in the next three years, the first gateway sessions will begin with the sophomore class in the year 2000-2001.

Commencement ceremony to include bestowing 6 honorary degrees

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anniversary of his graduation from the College, Howard was presented with an honorary degree from his alma mater."

The awarding of honorary degrees this year will take place during Hamilton's 186th commencement on Sunday, May 24, two weeks after Class and Charter Day. Among the five recipients are Arthur Mitchell, the founder, director and choreographer of the Dance Theatre of Harlem, and jazz legend Bob Wilber. Taft School Headmaster Lance Odden, long-time securities industry executive Keith Wellin and Carnegie Endowment for International Peace President Jessica Mathews are the remaining recipients.

The baccalaureate address which precedes commencement will be delivered on Saturday, May 23 at 3 p.m. on the Main Quad, by Jean D'Costa, who is retiring as the Leavenworth Professor of English after 18 years as a Hamilton faculty member.

Wilber and Matthews will be giving this year's commencement address. The commencement ceremonies will take place at 10:30 a.m. on the Main Quad, or if weather does not cooperate, in the Field House.

The end of the year is not just about speeches and awards. For those of you who crave a little action, there will be Ultimate Laser Tag games on Class and Charter Day. "It will run from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on the Science Quad, or if it's raining, in Sage Rink," said Philip Skalski. This event will be sponsored by CAB.

"CAB will also be offering 'Ferris Bueller's Day Off' on Friday night at 11 p.m. as the last of the 80's movies," said Skalski. It will be the last CAB movie of the year. The Acoustic Coffeehouse will finish up its series Thursday May 7, at 8:00 p.m. featuring Ellis Paul and other big names.

International fashion extravaganza

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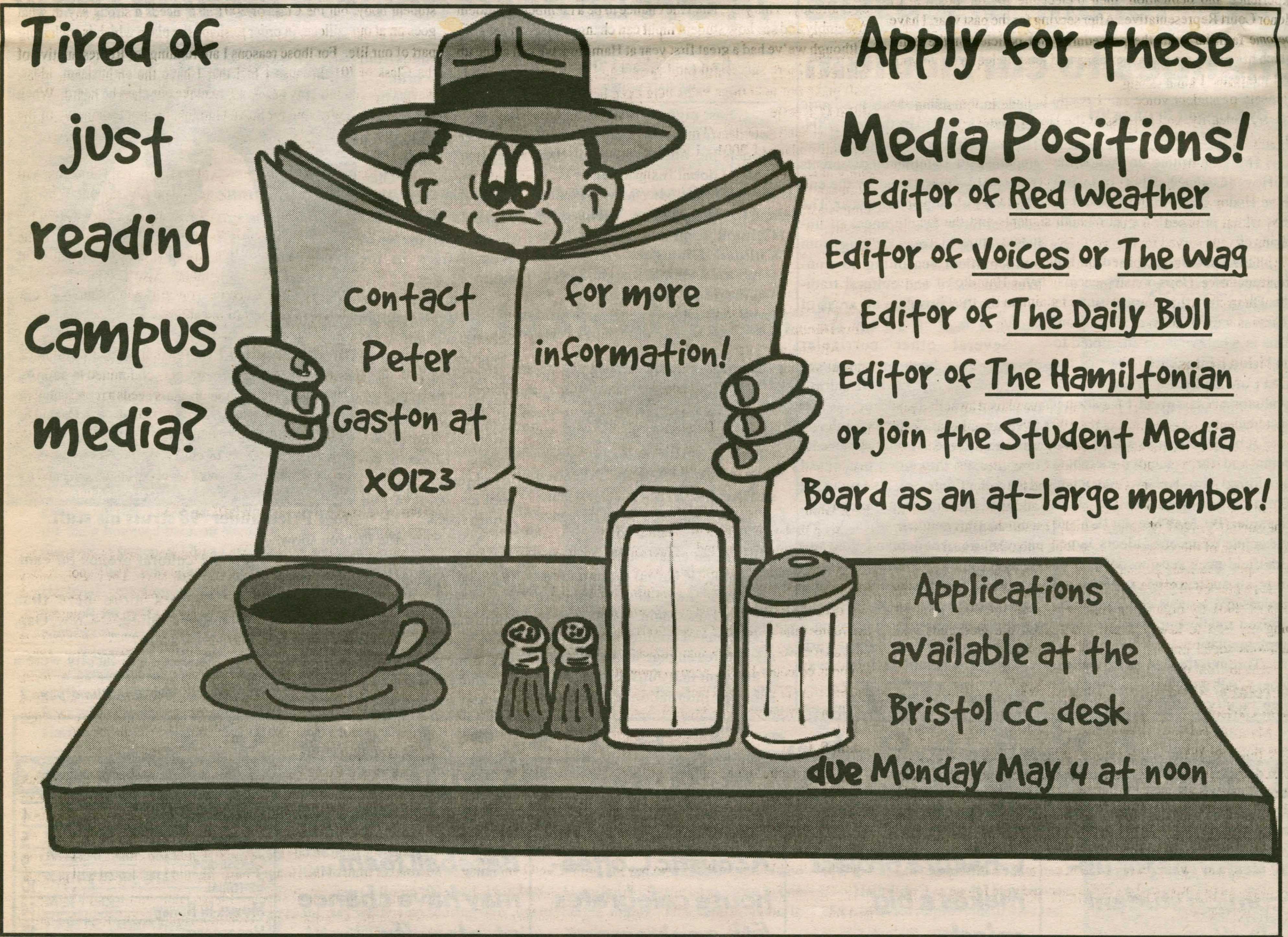
able to demonstrate their supermodel abilities and show off a variety of international fashions for a cheering and enthusiastic audience. Energetic music was pumped through Cafe Opus as models showed everything from formal wear to boxers to ethnic garb. The show's corporate wardrobe providers included Sears, Hot Topic, JCPenney, Old Navy, A Vitullo, Deb, Tops 'N Bottoms, and Tuxedo Junction.

After the fashion show, audience members were encouraged to browse at the IR Shop. Clothing, materials, and jewelry from Ghana and India were sold at the Rock to support Third World Women in Development. According to Odamtten, "80% of profits will go to the women entrepreneurs for reinvestment and shipment of new consignments."

The IR Group, which acts as an intermediary presence in order to promote cooperation between different student organizations, sponsors the Global Insight Series to demonstrate the College's dedication to international issues.

Last semester's series, "By the Fireside: Folktakes and Legends-Storytelling and Enactments from Around the World," consisted of members of the Hamilton Community telling stories, legends, and folktales from around the world. The storytelling was followed by an international fashion show.

This semester's GIS was also sponsored by Student Assembly, Model UN, Model EU, Art Club, Department of Philosophy, Department of Economics, Communications & Development, Dean of Students, and Dean of Faculty.



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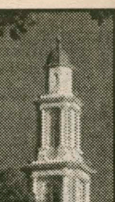


THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled By Joy Dreibelbis '99

Amendment would abolish preferences in admissions

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis, — The Riggs Amendment, a proposed addition to the Higher Education Act prohibiting preferential treatment in university admission procedures nationwide, is up for debate before the U.S. House of Representatives this week. Introduced by Rep. Frank Riggs, R-California, the amendment would prohibit all federally funded universities from mentioning race, ethnicity or gender in the application and admissions processes.

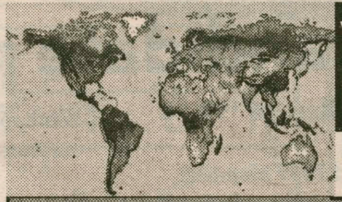
Jenny Simon, coordinator of Associated Students of Madison's Higher Education campaign, said that if passed, Riggs' amendment would prohibit UW System schools from achieving their diversity goals. "We could recruit minorities, but would also have to give the same treatment to white students. So it wouldn't increase diversity at all," Simon said.

In a letter to each of Wisconsin's nine U.S. representatives, UW System President Katherine C. Lyall urged them to oppose the amendment. "Adoption of Rep. Riggs' amendment would set back our efforts to provide equal educational opportunity on UW campuses," Lyall wrote. "Federal legislation stating that we cannot consider race, gender, national origin or ethnicity in admissions practices could effectively mean majority students attending our institutions would be denied the educational benefit of being exposed to diverse cultures."

Brian Campeau, secretary of the College Republicans, said he supports the banning of racial preferences proposed under Riggs' amendment, but believes it should be left up to the state or individual universities to decide whether or not to implement the legislation.

. "Whites tend to over-blow racial preferences. The perception is enough to create the racial tensions we don't need."

WORLD NEWS



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Irish republican Army won't disarm

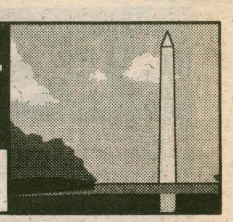
BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — The Irish Republican Army refused today to disarm as part of Northern Ireland's proposed peace accord — but cleared the way for its allied Sinn Fein party to accept the agreement. In a statement, the IRA reaffirmed its willingness to abide by its July 1997 cease-fire. But the outlawed group dismissed the section of the April 10 peace accord that requires Northern Ireland's rival paramilitary groups to "decommission" weaponry, starting in June and finishing within two years.

"Let us make it clear there will be no decommissioning by the IRA," the seven-member command said in the IRA-Sinn Fein movement's weekly newspaper, Republican News. In London, the government said "people can't pick and choose."

"If these arrangements are going to work, then everyone involved will have to give up violence for good and decommissioning is an essential part of the package," added Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam. Pro-British Protestant leaders, united in anger, said the IRA and Sinn Fein are trying to have the benefits of peace without the obligations.

Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble, head of the biggest Protestant party, said Sinn Fein was ineligible to participate in the new Belfast administration until the IRA started disarming. "Sinn Fein and the IRA are one and the same," said Trimble, who accepts the accord even though it has split his party. "You cannot say that there's a peace agreement if some party has a private army armed to the teeth ready for action." The IRA commanders said the unsigned agreement reached by the British and Irish governments and eight parties, including Sinn Fein, represents "a significant development" but "clearly falls short of presenting a solid basis for a lasting settlement."

NATIONAL NEWS



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One dies in Indiana bank robbery

CARMEL, Ind. (AP) — A man walked into a bank, demanded money and started shooting today, killing a bank employee and wounding three others. The robbery was followed by a second holdup a few miles away, and a suspect was wounded and arrested. It was not known whether the robberies were connected.

The fatal robbery occurred at a KeyBank in this suburb north of Indianapolis. At least one suspect fled the scene with an undisclosed amount of money. Police received a 911 call at 9:06 a.m. "A lone holdup man came into the bank, demanded money and for whatever reason started shooting," said Janet Uhrick, a police spokeswoman.

All four employees, the only people in the bank, were shot. One of the wounded was in critical condition. One woman was shot in the neck and hand and was listed in critical condition. A 21-year-old woman who was shot in the shoulder and a 44-year-old man who was shot in the arm were listed in fair condition, according to Methodist Hospital spokeswoman Jennifer Farley. One employee was killed, but no information is currently available. Police set up roadblocks in the area and began searching a wooded area north of the bank, using dogs and an infrared camera from a television news helicopter. Police and FBI agents, all heavily armed, surrounded the woods.

A short time later, police responded to an attempted robbery at a People's Bank in Indianapolis, seven or eight miles south of the Carmel bank. A man fled in a stolen car and was wounded when officers shot out the windows. He then attempted to run away but was apprehended about 10 a.m. as news helicopters photographed the scene. "There was a lengthy chase. At one point he started shooting at the officer who was coming after him," said Detective Dennis McAtee of the Marion County Sheriff's Department.

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D.J. Postles

If you're looking for someone to serve and represent you with experience and dedication, then reelect me for the position of Honor Court Representative. After serving for the past year, I have become familiar with the procedures and policies of the court which has given me the experience and knowledge to serve your best interests. I am a strong advocate of student voice and I firmly believe in upholding the honesty, integrity, and fairness of the Honor Code.

Meghan Steed

I feel that the honor code is very important to Hamilton College, and it is something that I take very seriously. By serving on the Honor Court, I am able to uphold the ideals of the honor code, which is based on trust of both students and the faculty. Having already served for two years as a student representative on the Honor Court, I feel that I am highly qualified to serve again. As a representative, I hope to continue to help the Hamilton community understand the honor code and to maintain the trust between the students and faculty.

President Class of '01

Brian C. Murphy

As the current Class of 2001 President I have played an active role in the Student Assembly during the 1997-1998 school year. I am currently sitting on numerous committees within the Student Government which include the Funding Committee, the Committee on Social Programming Guidelines, and the Adler Conference Student Representative Selection team. In addition, I am the Chair of the Social Options Committee which I established this semester. The function of this committee is to look into other social options on Campus which are primarily non-alcohol based.

If re-elected to office I promise to keep working hard for the Class of 2001 by organizing fund-raisers for the class account, doing my best to keep everyone happy on the weekends with numerous social options, and to keep bringing your ideas and concerns in front of the Central Council.

Secretary/ Treasurer Class of '01

David Carlson

My name is David Carlson and I have been a class representative this past year. While representing the Class of '01 I have worked on issues such as getting cable in rooms, increasing social options, discussing possible changes in Hamilton's academic policy, and increasing student awareness and involvement in running the school. I believe Hamilton students don't realize how much we can do to change and improve this school. Voting is one of the many ways which every student can make a difference, so I encourage all of you to make a difference and vote for me as Class Secretary/Treasurer.

Jeff Krutz

Hi! I'm Jeff Krutz from Little Falls, New York, and I want to be your Secretary/Treasurer again next year.

It's sort of hard to believe that our first year of college is almost over already. This year, I had the chance to be a member of Student Assembly and see how student input can change things on the Hill. Although we've had a great first year at Hamilton, we can come up with even more successful fund-raisers and unique activities that will make our next three years here even better.

John O'Keeffe

If elected Secretary/Treasurer, I will work hard to represent the entire class of 2001. I will use my experience as a current Student Assembly representative and as the Vice-President of my high school to fulfill my financial and organizational duties with enthusiasm, dedication, and integrity. If elected I promise to be creative yet prudent when making decisions that regard either spending, or the class of 2001. I am interested in working to better the social options offered on campus, primarily in the middle months of the school year when everything seems to drag.

SA Representatives '01

Amy Dundas

After being on campus for one year, I feel that I have seen the in's and out's of this school. I have heard what many of you want changed. I want to make the next three years here fun and enjoyable for everyone. We have already let one year fly by, why should we let the next three do the same? By electing me as a representative of our class, you are guaranteeing that your voice will be heard. I am a great listener and I want to hear your problems so I can do my best to fix them.

Sara Gloo

As a first-year student at Hamilton, I have become involved in several campus groups and organizations such as sports teams, tourguiding, and the Adirondack Adventure Program. Despite my participation, I still feel rather uninformed about the administrative side of campus activities-just as I am sure many of you do. If elected as a representative for the Class of 2001, I will do my best to keep you informed about the issues that Student Assembly deals with. Our opinions do count-but we need to know what's going on before we can form an opinion. I will make sure that you are kept up to date, and I will bring your voice to Student Assembly. Please remember to vote!!

Adam S. Gold

This is a time when Hamilton College is in constant change, and sometimes it seems as though the administration takes action whether or not the student voice is heard. As class representative I will work my hardest to keep a strong line of communication between the students and the administration. The direction in which this campus is headed should be up to those who pay the tuition, and I am going to ensure that this policy is instituted. What are supposed to be the best four years of our lives should be nothing less than just that.

Steve Guditus

Student Government is an essential part of college; essential for us, the class of 2001, to have a say in Hamilton College policies, procedures, life, ideas, thoughts, and concerns. Not only does the student body, but the Class of 2001 also, needs a strong say in what goes on at our college, in order to shape the place which is such a big part of our life. For those reasons I am running for Representative of the Class of '01, because I feel that I have the enthusiasm, ideas, leadership, and integrity necessary to make our class be heard. When you go out to vote, vote for Steve Guditus, for Representative of the Class of 2001.

Gally Lee

As a Representative for the class of 2001, my main objective will be to get the school more involved in the student government. Whether it be informing the students about what is going on, or just asking for input, I will represent the student body to the best of my abilities. Some of my ideas include changes to Bon Appetite, and our current meal plan, and better and more live entertainment. Also as a member of the minority community, I will voice the concerns and opinions of our minority community to the best of my ability.

Alyssa Zupkoff

Hi, I'm Alyssa Zupkoff and I am running for the position of sophomore class representative. I am strongly committed to improving our lives at Hamilton. The sophomore class needs a representative who is open-minded, energetic, and responsible. If elected, I intend to strengthen the Hamilton College community by working hard to address the problems and interests of our class. So on election day remember to vote for someone who cares about our community and its future.

Honor Court Representative '01

Erik Johnson

My name is Erik Johnson, I live in Dunham, and I have been this year's Freshman class Honor Court representative. The responsibility of an Honor Court member to objectively determine the intentions and faults of an Hamilton Honor Code offender has been very interesting. My experience was fulfilling, learning court procedures and decision making processes that occur within the college administration. I also realized Hamilton students make mistakes, but are willing to work hard to correct them. I believe I have the ability to make decisions objectively and hope you will re-elect me for the Class of 2001 Hamilton Honor Court. Thank you.

Mark Azzolino

An Honor Court Representative must possess several qualities, among which are honesty, integrity and strong values. I have each of these qualities, and am able to present the views of the class of 2001 on the Honor Court. Before we register for classes each semester we must sign the Honor Code Pledge, and should you violate that code you are tried in front of the Honor Court. Should I be elected will provide the fairest judgement available. Please come and vote in May and when you do, vote for Mark Azzolino, Honor Court Representative '01.

SECURITY blotter

COMPILED BY CRISTEN SARGENT '01

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

9:40 AM	Vandalism in Bundy East
4:34 PM	False fire alarm in Saunders House
7:04 PM	Fire alarm in Macintosh
7:30 PM	Intrusion alarm at Beinecke
8:30 PM	Medical emergency at Fieldhouse
11:50 PM	False fire alarm in Minor
2:43 AM	False fire alarm in Ferguson (old DU house)

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

10:30 AM	Vandalism in main quad, streetlight pole
3:45 PM	Criminal trespassing in Burke Library
5:35 PM	Violation of bulk alcohol policy in Bundy Dining Hall
7:45 PM	Vandalism in North Parking Lot
2:18 AM	Small chair burning outside of Burke Library

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

8:50 AM	False fire alarm in Science Building
1:50 AM	Property damage, motor vehicle accident near Bundy East
2:30 AM	Medical emergency in Bundy East
6:15 AM	Larceny from McEwen Dining Hall
12:00 PM	Vandalism in CJ, broken window
1:30 AM	Report of larceny from Milbank, theft of VCR
2:35 PM	Medical emergency in Dunham
4:40 AM	Larceny in Milbank
2:00 AM	Vandalism in Bundy Parking Lot, tires slashed
2:00 AM	Larceny in North Court, jacket and camera
1:45 AM	Theft of camera

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

3:15 PM	Vandalism in North Lot, broken window
8:22 PM	Medical emergency in Fieldhouse
8:59 PM	Medical emergency in Fieldhouse
10:00 PM	Trespassing at ELS
2:30 AM	False fire alarm in Macintosh
2:10 AM	False fire alarm in Milbank

MONDAY, APRIL 27

2:00 PM	Theft of computer from Burke Library
8:18 PM	Bonfire at Bundy East

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

12:46 AM	Noisy party in Bundy East
4:30 AM	Little bonfire at Bundy East

J Board Representative '01

Brendan McCormick

If reelected to the Judiciary Board I will represent the class of 2001 to the best of my ability. I will utilize the knowledge of Judiciary Board proceedings I have received during my current term. If reelected I will still hold true to the promise made in my last campaign that I will not be biased towards anyone regardless of their race, religion, sexual preference, or their membership in any society.

Hilary Hoar

My name is Hilary Hoar '01 and I have decided to run for a position as a J-Board Representative. My decision to run is based on what I feel I have to offer to the Hamilton community. I can confidently describe myself as fair, unbiased, and level-headed. These qualities may appear to be only generic adjectives seen in every platform for a J-Board Representative. However I believe it is these attributes that serve as my qualification for this position. I look forward to working with fellow students to better our lives here at Hamilton.

SA candidate platforms for Fall '98

President Class of '99

Andy Cook

Fellow Class of 1999 Members,

Over the past year your class officers have conducted many events and fundraisers which have benefitted the Hamilton College Community and more importantly, raised money for Senior Week. Next year, it is my goal to continue to sponsor and coordinate events which will enhance our community, as well as plan for a great Senior Week. Please re-elect **Andy Cook for Class of 1999 President**. Thank you.

Secretary/Treasurer '99

Meghan Mahaney

Student Assembly provides students with the unique opportunity to offer input on decisions that impact the student body. As your Secretary and Treasurer this past semester, I have enjoyed the chance to voice student concerns and discuss options as to how to make life on the Hill a better place. I believe that if re-elected, I will continue to represent student needs and interests and successfully carry out the duties of Secretary and Treasurer. Thank you.

SA Representative '99

Abby Barbieri

Hi, my name is Abby,
I'm not too shabby.
I want to be your representative
'cause I am sensitive
to your thoughts and welfare
So much that I care
for the class or '99,
that our year will be fine.

Tim Fazio

Your class officers have done a tremendous amount of work this year. We ran a golf tournament, a food drive, a clothes drive, changed the ID and admittance policy at the Pub, provided exam care packages for your parents to send you, and sponsored the Hamilton College road race. Senior year will see some of the same events, but also many new ones in addition to the planning of our Senior gift and Senior Week. I look forward to continuing my hard work for our class and our school. Please vote **Tim Fazio, Class of 1999 Representative**. Thank you.

Carrie Fassett

As we gear up for our final year at Hamilton, it's time to prepare for many important events. It's vital that we have experience and leadership within our class officers. The senior class officers provide a necessary stability to the senior class in our last year on the Hill. As a current class officer and dedicated campus servant, I promise to help provide this

stability and offer my full dedication to this position. We are the last class of the millennium at Hamilton, it's time to go out with a bang and leave our mark as one of the best.

Audra Griss

My name is Audra Griss and once again I'm running for the position of 1999 Class Delegate. Although I'm abroad this semester and not there to voice my ideas and gather support. I hope to still attain your vote. As an active member of Student Assembly all of freshman and sophomore years, I worked hard on various projects with the desire to make student life better. I'm now asking for the opportunity to continue this mission as well as to make our last week together, Senior Week, one of the most memorable of our lives. Thank you.

Daniel Lieber

The Student Assembly helps to make Hamilton College a better place to live and study. This past year, I have been a representative and a part of the positive undertakings of our influential student government. I can see no better way to influence school policy and make my time here more meaningful than to be a part of the Student Assembly. I greatly appreciate the opportunity that the class of 1999 has given me to represent their interests and I hope to continue my service to my class and the college next year. Please remember to vote on election day.

Rob Singer

I try to better and change things for our class. I fight for that with Tobin. President "randomly" gives Rob 445 as a housing number. Who else, could understand the word sacrifice more than me! Hamilton won't give you and I cable, so let's concentrate on something achievable: like having our best year here possible. If you want "Senior Nites" at the Pub, likeable senior events, and a memorable (yet still blurry???) senior week, trust EXPERIENCE. For 2 years I've been there for '99, so, Vote Singer 'cause I'll fight valiantly for us yet again.

Honor Court Rep. '99

Tagor Ariot

My name is Tagor Ariot and I am running for Class of 1999 Honor Court Representative. I served on the Honor Court for one academic year. I have the experience needed to serve Hamilton students well. I am trustworthy and reliable. I work well with others and I am open-minded. Hamilton students can trust I will be fair and unbiased when making decisions. Vote Tagor Ariot and the Hamilton community can count on an honest person to do the job right.

Judicial Board Chair

Ari Fingeroth '99

People say that you do not have a right to complain about anything unless you are actively trying to fix it or change it. That is why I am running for J-board Chair. I have read or heard about many of the decisions made by the board over the last three years. I have agreed with some, and disagreed with others. It is for the decisions with which I do not feel were just punishments that I want to make a difference, and try to better an already great student led judicial system.

Susan Pedder '99

Hola Hamilton from Spain! I am truly enthusiastic and excited thinking about spending another year on the J-Board! After a year and a half experience, I understand how the board works and vow to serve the community both justly and fairly. As a previous member, I held a responsibility to the Hamilton Community, a responsibility to carry out justice by judging all trials openly and fairly. As a newly elected member, I will uphold this responsibility and work to make Hamilton a safe community. As you vote, remember one thing, PEDDER IS THE BETTER CHOICE for J-board Rep 1999!

Secretary/Treasurer '00

Meghan Reynolds

I am running for Secretary/Treasurer of the Class of 2000. I would like to continue to be that position next semester. We are currently working on some projects for our class for next year and I would like to be a part of that I remain open and enthusiastic to new ideas from you, the Class of 2000 Vote for me on May 6th. Thank you.

Lisa Stasiowski

Wondering why I deserve your vote? Wondering why I should be your new secretary/treasurer? Because "I think I can, I think I can" is simply not good enough for me. Because only "I know I can, I know I can" is acceptable. Because I will listen, lead, and learn. Because I will make *our* class goals *my* priority. Because I will not be satisfied with status quo. And because I am willing to take risks, try new things, attempt the impossible. Tell the "little train that could" to move over — it's my turn!

SA Representative '00

Chris MacPherson

Once again I would like to be your class representative for the third consecutive year (right now I am the only boy too). In the upcoming year, there will be many opportunities for students to have a say in changes that will be happening on campus, such as the new academic committee review plan and the building of a new social space. I would also like to see the possibility of implementing an on-line registration program. Plus being your class officer would be so rad.

Elyse Williams

We had a good year class of 2000. We actually got our facebook, *maybe* next year we can work on cable and conference calls I'm looking forward to another exci[illegible] year as your representation!

Honor Cour[illegible] '00

Al Albano

"No eye-b[illegible]olling, back bending, neck stretc[illegible]g...keep your eyes on your own p[illegible] and don't give me any cause to sus[illegible] you." This was the customary phras[illegible]pouted by my tenth-grade English te[illegible]er before he administ[illegible]d his exam[illegible] warning us against academic disho[illegible]ty. Such rigorous exam proctorin[illegible]ministered by disgruntled and un[illegible]rpaid high school tea[illegible]ers, is not fo[illegible]d here at Hamilton. Wi[illegible] greater ince[illegible]ives and opportunities to cheat, a[illegible]emic dishonesty is prevalent. As y[illegible] Honor Court Representative, I vo[illegible]o make the Honor Code worth mo[illegible]han just the paper it's printed on. [illegible]e me cause to suspect you.

Antwon Oliver

I, Antwon Oliver Class of 2000 am running for Honor Court Representative.. This is m[illegible]st time running for a position on the [illegible]ourt. I know I can provide good and [illegible]und decision making. I am honest, [illegible]tworthy, and well liked on campus. [illegible]m fair and I work well with others. [illegible]hese are two qualities that the Honor Court needs. Students who approach the Honor Court should feel that [illegible]re being heard by the best represen[illegible]ive possible. I am the best student f[illegible] the position. Remember when you think **honesty** and **fairness** vote Antwon Oliver, Honor Court Representative

*Please see **Platforms**, page 3*

LECTURES

Saturday: There will be an Africana Studies Student Conference from 9 am to 6 pm in the Red Pit. Sponsored by Black History Month.

Saturday: At 10 am there will be a Was Los Leadership Symposium in the Events Barn. Sponsored by Was Los and the Dean of Students Office.

Monday: English Honors Presentations will be given at 4 pm in Dwight Lounge. Sponsored by the English Department.

Monday: Hubert Dreyfus, UC at Berkeley, will give a lecture entitled "From Socrates to Expert Systems: The Limits of Calculative Rationality" at 4:05 pm in the CJ Browsing Room.

FILM

Weekly Film: Student Video Projects will be presented Friday and Sunday at 7:30 pm and Saturday at 10 pm in the KJ Auditorium. Sponsored by the Foreign and Fine Film Society.

Friday: *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* will be shown at 11 pm in the KJ Auditorium. Sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.

Monday: *Blue* (France '93) directed by Krysztof Kieslowshi, will be shown at 3 pm and 7:30 pm in the KJ Auditorium as part of College Course 300.

Wednesday: Arnold Glassman's *Visions of Light* (USA '92) will be shown at 3 pm and 7:30 pm in the KJ Auditorium as part of College Course 300.

ARTS

Exhibitions: Senior Art Projects will be on display from April 20 to May 24. It is an exhibition of works by senior art concentrators. Hours are: Monday - Friday from 12-5 pm; Saturday and Sunday from 1-5 pm in Emerson Gallery. .

Friday and Saturday: Senior Projects in Dance and Theater will be presented at 8 pm in Minor Theatre. Sponsored by the Departments of Theatre and Dance.

Saturday: The Hamilton College Orchestra will give a concert at 8 pm in Wellin Hall.

Monday: The Hamilton College Choir will perform the following work from Mozart: Requiem and Missa Brevis (K. 192) at 8 pm in Wellin Hall.

CHECK IT OUT

Friday and Saturday: The Rocky Horror Picture Show will be performed at 10 pm in North Court. Sponsored by the Emerson Literary Society.

Thursday: There will be a Fifth Anniversary Celebration of Acoustic Coffeehouse with Ellis Paul, Patty Griffin, and Vance Gilbert performing at 8 pm in the Events Barn. Sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.

FULL WEEKLY EVENTS SCHEDULE http://www.hamilton.edu/

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The Big Hit	*7:10, 9:50*
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Titanic	*7:30*
City of Angels	*6:35, 9:20*
Mercury Rising	*7:00, 9:45*
Lost in Space	*6:30, 9:25*
Les Miserables	*6:40, 9:35*

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Saturday 10:30

Ferris Bueller's Day Off
Friday 11:00

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CC034

A class travels to the bottom of the sea from the top of the Hill: The Chakura Project

By Cristen Sargent '01
News Editor

Chakura Project, the fifteen person Cultural Simulation Seminar, presented their undersea world Tuesday night at 8:30 in the Red Pit.

"Students learn problem-solving skills, enhance their computer skills, and learn to work together," said Professor Raybeck, an anthropology professor and leader of the seminar.

Three women and twelve men worked all semester on constructing their own virtual self-supporting colony set 75 years in the future. The students were presented with strict guidelines under which they must construct a successful colony, one of which was that it must be located in a currently uninhabitable space.

"Chakura," a Bantu word meaning "constantly searching," was created to improve the management of fisheries and barrier reef systems, remove greenhouse gases and convert them to an alternative energy source, observe the social and psychological effects of undersea living and to determine the feasibility of possible future undersea colonization.

Each team member was responsible for two or three aspects of the colony, usually relating to their concentration.

"We based our experience on this class actually going ahead and starting this colony," said Peter Gaston '99. "We gave Raybeck the Nobel Peace Prize in 2013." Gaston designed recreational facilities and studied virtual reality and its possible effects.

Steve Wood '98, a geology major, decided the specific location for the Chakuran colony. He picked a spot just off the Cameroon coast for its low seismicity and hot spots, a source of geothermal energy.

"We had a lot of different ecological perspectives," said biology major Matt Thornton '98. "Pollution, farming and looking at different technologies that might be useful in the future." Thornton was responsible for biodiversity and life support systems.

Sarah Knapp '99 decided government. She explained that originally she had hoped to implement a form of democratic socialism. but when the group decided on a population of just 500 colonists, she came up with a combination of sociology, technocracy and tribal traditions.

Chief medical officer and captain Craig Conard '98 combined Eastern and Western medicine for the colony's health care system. He said every colonist was guaranteed medical care. Other students were in charge of mental health, food production, economics, a legal system and defense and computer systems.

Raybeck explained that he had devised 16 "tweaks" that were sent into the colony. Students had to pool their individual talents in order to solve the tweaks and move on. The problems ranged from mutated rubber-eating bacteria to female colonists lacking necessary vitamins to the entire station being covered in a thick layer of sand and silt. Both Raybeck and his students emphasized the collaborative effort that was necessary in achieving their success.

Dave Kutcher'99 presents part of the Chakura Project. PHOTO BY SARA BRAINARD '01

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RILEY'S

Occasional Ramblings

Spring gets out of control

By Riley Fenner '00
Features Editor

The beautiful new life that has infused our campus in the past week exhibits itself in many strange forms. Minor field is full of various factions of energy. Shirtless guys toss a frisbee near the path, luring in those who have been afraid to look at the sun, and who scurry in between responsibilities with bookbags on their backs. The Rugby players fill the air with the cries of success and pain. At the back of the field, the air is filled with a sound of drumming that comes from within a clump of trees. If you look behind this natural stereo, you see the ones talking to nature. Mysterious adventurers march in and out of the glen. Everyone is doing exactly what they like.

If you sit with your back to it all, and only listen to the sounds of the scene, you can imagine it all dissolving into chaos. A dog playing frisbee bites a baseball player, and the dog's owner gets into a fight with the team. Various allies from all corners of the field would come to join in the destruction, all in the spirit of the season. Behind it all the drummers keep playing, orchestrating the grand sporting event. Like a monster truck rally, the first damage will be done to those who are defenseless and practically immobile. Then the demolition derby can begin.

Various academic papers would be written about the phenomena that had occured. Philosophers would argue that none of the students in the fight felt that they lived in a community that they believed in, and so were truly living by the code of Social Darwinism, "Every man for himself." They hadn't yet considered the benefits of cooperation for everyone involved. They would argue that the solution to the problem would be to make people feel like they were at home on the campus, rather than being out in the wilderness avoiding the campus police.

Those who study Religion would interpret the event as a prediction of the coming apocalypse, where the human population regressed into a state of warfare in order to stamp out apathy. They would hide themselves under large rocks, only peering out to watch the skies for revelations. Everyone would conclude that God was uninterested in numerology.

Ecnomists would postulate that the entire incident was a direct result of the socio-economic backgrounds of the students involved. Most of them are used to using money to find happiness throughout their day to day lives. In a situation where you could be happy without money, they were made very uncomfortable and edgy, and looked for a way to conquer their competitors in an arena outside the labor market.

Most observers, though, like the ones at a monster truck rally, would cheer on each act of destruction, trying to add something to a spectacle over which they had no control. Like a horror movie on television, the ridiculous terror of it all would give everyone an occasion to celebrate their indifference in an alcoholic haze. For once, an event at Hamilton College which the entire student body would take an interest in.

A family of deer would venture out of the glen and furrow their brows in a vain attempt to understand what presented itself to them.

FACES IN THE CROWD

Yungjin Oh '98

By Shauna Wreschner '00
Features Writer

Imagine you are in the Chapel. Special K's portion of the concert is ending, and the Buffers are taking the stage. Yungjin Oh '98, President of the Buffers, steps out of the group to introduce them, then blends back into the group to begin a well-timed song.

Oh is in his eighth year of singing in an all male a cappella group. "I have been singing since the fifth grade in choir and chorus. In ninth grade I tried out for our school's male a cappella group and I got in. After that I came to Hamilton and sang for the Buffers." Oh has been President of the Buffers since his junior year. "I was elected by the graduating seniors, [because] only seniors vote. What I do is run the group during rehearsal and on stage, just to keep people in line. I do not teach the music though, that is what the musical directors do," he says.

After graduation Oh hopes to continue singing in New York City where he will be working as a Media Planner in advertising. Oh draws an innovative connection between his major in Archeology and advertising. Yungjin points to the similarities between an archeologist digging and gathering information and trying to fit it all together to a Media Planner gathering information in order to fit an advertisement in the best environment.

Oh got hooked on Archeology during a research trip to New Mexico during the summer after his sophomore year. "It was an amazing experience," he says. " New Mexico is orgasmic. You look outside and say, 'I am glad I am alive.' The sun is up, the air is clean, there is no humidity and at night it is heavenly. You can see billions of stars and it seems very surreal."

Last year Oh also served the student body as Vice President of Student Assembly with Susan Greenspan as President. " All of my time as Vice President was a learning experience for me and a first step in the door of politics for me. I met with President Tobin, several Deans and really learned about the background of Hamilton College. I think few students know the background of the school and I feel very fortunate to have learned a little about it."

Yungjin Oh '98

PHOTO BY SARA BRAINARD '01

Some of the other positive activities he has engaged in during his time at Hamilton include being an Orientation Leader (O.L.) his junior and senior years and becoming a TDX brother. Oh really enjoyed being an O.L., "because of the people I met, that I would not have otherwise. I also like being a role model for incoming students." As for TDX, Oh had two friends from high school that became Theta Delts at Hamilton and he felt drawn into the fraternity.

Oh also rowed for Hamilton until about halfway through the Fall 1997 season. He rowed in high school, and actually came to the Hill with no intention of continuing rowing until he was confronted by Jason Anderas. Anderas began the team earlier and asked Yungjin to row, and he agreed. He points out the enormous amount of change the team has undergone since he came to the Hill. The team has gone from a laid-back, student run club team to a coached, refined and now Varsity sport. Oh, and most of his boat left the team soon after it received a coach because they preferred the laid-back atmosphere.

Looking back on his time on the Hill, Oh feels the change in the crew team is just another of the many transitions that have taken place during his education. "The seniors here have gone through huge transitions," he recalls. "We saw the houses die, and we saw so many other changes here like the creation of the Little Pub and a totally new social scene. We are dinosaurs and the last class to experience Hamilton 'as it used to be'. We are a dying breed. The only thing I regret is that instead of becoming a more community-based college, it seems that we have only become more divided." In light of all this, Oh says "Hamilton has given me the opportunity to do so much because it is a small community."

Panorama

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Going off campus can be rewarding

BY CLARA MCAULEY '00
FEATURES WRITER

It has often been remarked that there is nothing to do at Hamilton. True, we are pretty far from any major city and yes, with a security crack-down in the Village of Clinton, divergents appear to be diminishing. But for all of you willing to find out what else is going on in the area the following guide may be of some assistance.

As far as restaurants go, there's Symeon's on 4941 Commercial Drive in Yorkville which claims to be "an authentic and affordable adventure in Greek dining." The Phoenician specializes in Lebanese cuisine and is located on 632 French Road, off the French Road exit, in New Hartford. If you crave a taste of something different, these two restaurants are excellent options.

Down the Hill on Park Row, The Adirondack Coffee Company Inc. is a laid-back alternative to campus and the dining halls. They recently started serving dinner two nights a week. The penne with vodka sauce is one of their best dishes and their sandwiches are equally good. Adirondack plays host to poetry readings by local writers. There is an open forum where anyone can present his or her work. When they are not serving dinner in the evenings, they are usually open late for coffee and desserts. Adirondack is a refreshing change for someone like me who comes from the land of Starbucks and franchises of the like. It's a small personal space to meet friends in a relaxed atmosphere, and the coffee isn't bad either.

For an alternative to Central New York cuisine altogether, there's Geisha II at 32 Bank Place in Utica. They feature a macrobiotic and vegatarian menu that also includes sushi. Restaurants are the most prevalent businesses in the area and it would take a while to exhaust one's food options.

The Utica Zoo is something I just recently found out about from a friend who grew up in this area. It is located on Steel Hill Rd. in Utica. Zoo hours are from 10 am to 5 pm daily and admission is $4.25 for adults. The zoo has a rain forest exhibit that is home to numerous reptile and amphibian species. Every day the sea lion, "Lenny," is the star of his own feedings and demonstrations.

If you want to take advantage of the abnormally beautiful weather, courtesy of El Nino, there are camping sites as close as half an hour. The outing club here on campus can supply you with map trails and equipment. You can contact Holly Rienhoff, or other members for additional information.

If all else fails, you can always go lie out on the sunny quad and attempt to forget about your thesis or finals. That may work just as well!

COMING NEXT WEEK

PHOTO BY LEIGH DAILY '98
Hamilton College's Ropes Course will be featured next week.

SUNY Oneonta offers urban and regional planning courses

PRESS RELEASE

The Department of Geography and the Office of Continuing Education at the State University of New York, College at Oneonta are sponsoring two summer field courses on urban and regional planning in metropolitan Washinton, D.C.and New York City. The course will begin in Washington, D.C. on Sunday, May 24th and will end on Sunday, May 31st. The other course will begin in New York City on Sunday, May 17th and will end on Saturday, May 23rd. This course will involve seven or eight days of field work. Evenings will be free time for students to pursue their own personal interests.

The courses will be led by Dr. Kenneth Johnson and will focus upon urban planning, regional planning and urban design in and around the cities. The course will examine the cultural and physical landscapes of Washington, D.C. and the ways in which it has been developed during the past two centuries of urbanization. The course will focus upon numerous distinctive neighborhoods (ethnic, economic, and historic), various modes of transportation, land use patterns, and large scale housing developments (including new towns). The course will also explore various parks, parkways, plazas, malls, retail shopping districts, employment centers and commercial office complexes. In addition, the course will include a survey of outstanding architecture in these metropolitan areas from the colonial period to the present.. Students will also be introduced to municipal planning officials.. Please note, this course involves a substantial amount of walking as part of the field study of various neighborhoods. A fifteen passenger van may be used occasionally.

The deadline for receipt of applications is Wednesday, May 6th. Students will be notified whether or not they have been admitted to the course as applications are received. Students who are not admitted to the course will have their $125 course fee deposits refunded to them. May 6th is also the deadline for students who are admitted to cancel without penalty. Cancellations submitted after May 6th may be subject to full or partial loss of the course fee deposit.

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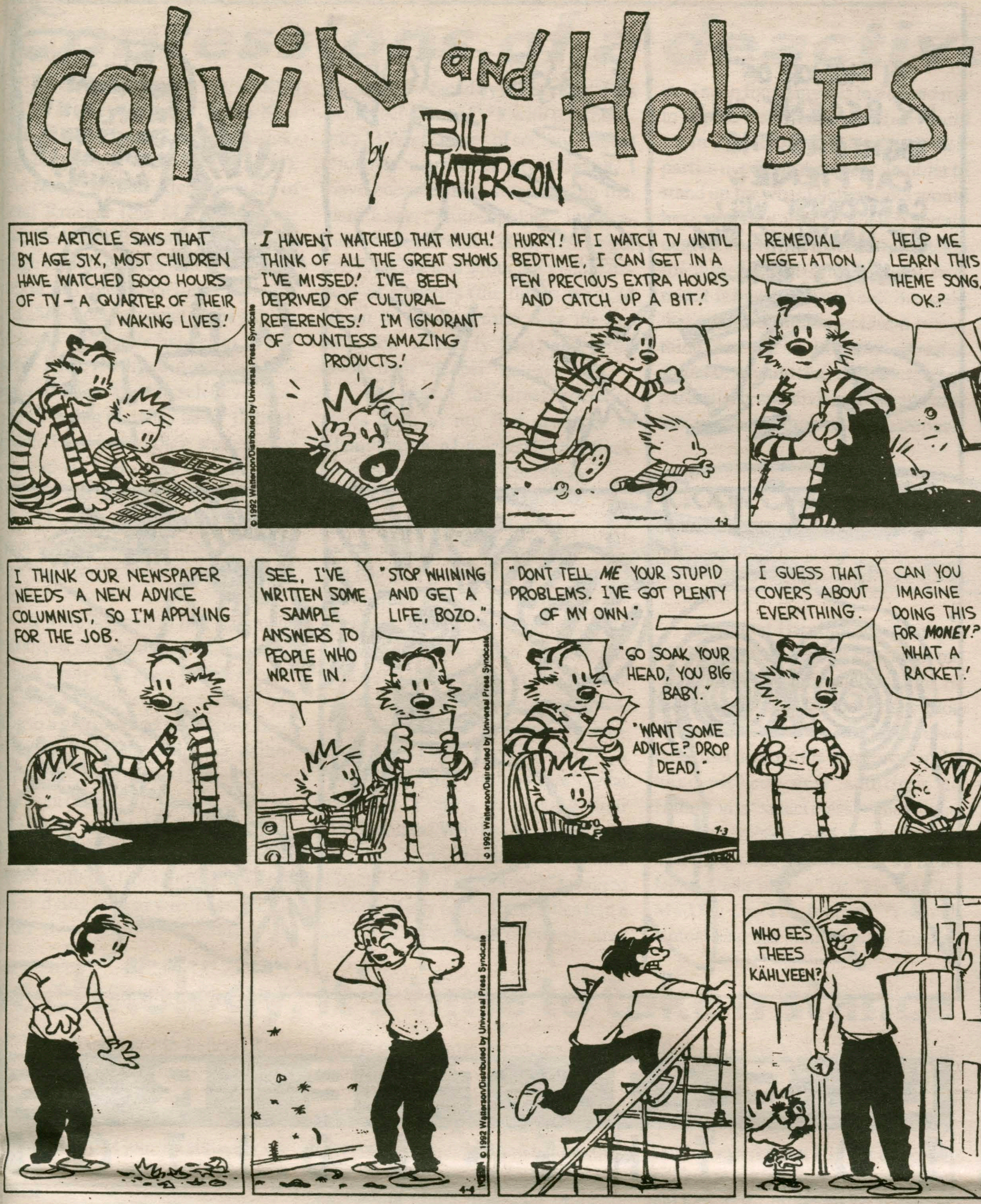

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Campus Crossword

WESTERN OMELET by Bob Lubbers
Edited by Stanley Newman

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27 Curse
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31 Paddy crop
34 Diminutive suffix
36 "Oh, that's what you mean!"
37 Home or Olin
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43 Missile housing
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47 They tie shoes
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50 Alamogordo event
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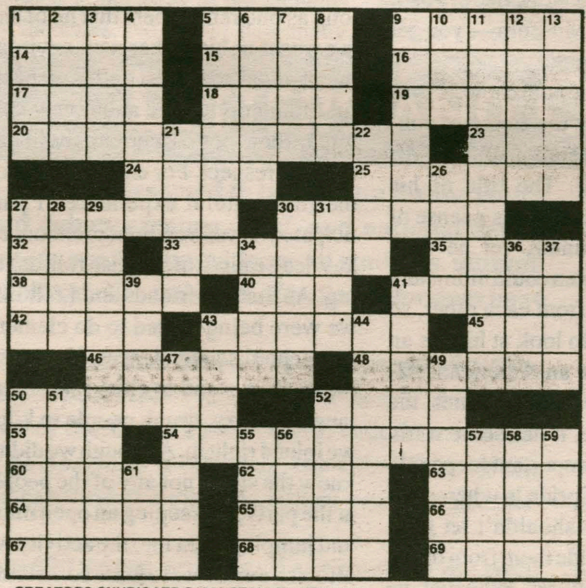

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"She looked like she was being paid by the hour!"
-anonymous senior on a certain date at the Senior Formal

"It's so underground...I don't even know I'm pledging!"
-Hardy Helburn '01

"Unbutton your shirt so that I can get down in there!"
-LW '01 in reference to fixing a shirt tag

"When I'm drunk I don't think...I'm just out there happening!"
-Alexis Senoski '01

PERSONALS

S.B.,
Welcome back to the torture chamber! How does 12:00 lunch in the Diner sound? I hope you took those 5 hours to think about what I should do. I really need your help on this one! And remember... everybody loves you girl, not just me!
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EDITORIAL

Crunch time!

Papers, 'take homes', final projects, presentations. No sleep, no socializing, no fun. Okay, it's that time of year again -- it's crunch time!

Let's flash back twelve weeks. We were just getting back to campus, fresh and ready to go after a month-long break. We'd missed all of our friends and were anxious to get back. We had our new matching notebooks and pens and arrived to class five minutes early, after eating a filling breakfast at the dining hall. We all sat bright-eyed and ready to learn in our seats waiting perkily for the professor to arrive. Then we got it, the infamous syllabus.

But you'd already decided, this semester would be different. You'd plan out your time well, you wouldn't go out every weekend. You'd get all of your work done before it was due.

You arrive at class on the second day. Okay, so you haven't eaten breakfast. But you're still pretty chipper, you got six whole hours of sleep last night. You even did the whole assignment!

The third week. You straggle into class five minutes late. You haven't eaten breakfast, but...what's breakfast? It's become a foreign concept ever since you skipped it on the second day of classes. But at least you got four hours of sleep and you read the first ten pages of your assignment.

The sixth week. You aren't even thinking about breakfast right now, you're still sitting on the floor of your room in your pajamas, right in the middle of a pile of unwashed clothes, munching on a stale cookie that you found under a stack of papers on your desk. You won't be late to class today, you're just skipping it altogether. But you wouldn't understand the discussion anyway because you haven't done the coursework for two weeks now. You have a midterm at 11am and you've been up studying since 4. You make a lot of promises under your breath, most of them something like, "I'm never going to wait 'til the last minute to do anything again!"

Spring break comes and goes. You're back on campus with only six weeks to go. You look at your syllabus and think, "Okay, if I can just get this done this weekend, then I can start working on my term paper next weekend and I'll be golden!"

Come this weekend you've forgotten all about your plan to do your work because Saturday afternoon is absolutely gorgeous and you have to go outside to bask in the sun with all of your friends. Of course you take your books outside with you, but who can do any work with that pesky frisbee flying around the quad? "I'll just have fun today and then I'll buckle down tomorrow and get my work done," you think. Sunday is an absolute waste. You don't get anything accomplished and you begin to curse your professors for assigning so much work. "They can't possibly expect me to do the regular reading and get my project done," you reason.

With just two weeks left the juggling act begins. You have three term papers and a project and they're all due the same week. You try to plan out your time, but realize that it's worthless. You stay up all night for a week to get as much work done as possible. By the end of the week you begin wondering why it is that you decided to go to college in the first place.

You're surviving on two hours of sleep and eating only occasionally. You've finally succumbed to that cold that's been going around. You feel the most miserable that you have in your entire life. "Why did I do this to myself?" you ask. There's no reason. It's not necessarily because you've procrastinated, and it's not for a complete lack of trying. It's just that daily life throws you a curve once in a while and you miss that three hour chunk of time that you were going to use studying for your exam when you go buy some groceries, do your laundry and get a hair-cut.

Basically, you can't help it. You'll always be caught in crunch time. No matter how well intentioned you are at the beginning of the semester, odds are, you'll fall behind. Don't try to fight it too hard, you'll just get frustrated. You just have to learn to live with crunch time -- drink a lot of coffee and buy some extra vitamins to fight off a potential cold. Just look at it this way: this is preparing us for the real world, for that day when your boss asks you for three major projects to be done within the period of two days.

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LETTERS TO • THE • EDITOR

A student abroad responds to Machera; calls for openmindedness

To the Editor:

My name is Katherine Wasilenko, and I am currently studying in Edinburgh, Scotland. While browsing through the Spec On-Line, hoping to catch up with the latest news on the Hill, I came across Chris Machera's editorial, "Born in the USA and damn proud of it." Since I am currently abroad, I became interested in what he had to say about his future experiences. Since he began his article by stating that he was interested in learning about what Ireland has to offer, I have a few tips. Eat at the Bad Ass Cafe in Dublin — Sinead O'Connor used to work there. Also, go to the Guiness Museum — you get a free pint at the end.

On a more serious note, I was truly disturbed by the frequent contradictions and prejudgments in Mr. Machera's article. The title of his article suggests that he has a sense of pride for his country, yet he concludes that patriotism could ultimately alienate cultures from each other, so he wants people to look at him as an individual, not as an American. Although his conclusion negates the title of his article, it has some truth. Even though it is important for people to have a sense of pride in where they come from, they shouldn't let their nationality proclude them from opening up to other cultures. However, he may want others to be open to him, but he seems very unwilling to open up to other cultures. For example, he states that it doesn't matter what the French think of Americans. However, then he immediately goes back on his statement by stating that they should admire us for helping them in WWII and for introducing greasy food and overpriced children's attractions. Not only is it unfair for him to assume that ALL French dislike ALL Americans, but it is also unfair for him to assert that they SHOULD like us.

I have a travel tip for Mr. Machera that will allow him to truly enjoy himself in a foreign country — do not be ignorant and narrow minded, especially if you don't want other people to be that way towards you. From my experiences in Scotland and while travelling throughout the rest of Europe, I have discovered that being an American is NOT a bad thing. As long as one remembers that he or she is a guest in his or her new environment, and acts honest and is respectful of and optimistic about new cultures, then non-Americans will return the respect. For example, one of the first cultural experiences I participated in was a ceilidh (pronounced kay-lee), a night of Scottish folk dancing. At first my friends and I felt like we were being forced to do elementary school square dances. However, rather than stand against a wall and laugh at crazy, drunk people in kilts, we joined right in. Although we didn't know the steps, nor any of the people at the party, by keeping an open mind and jumping right into the activity we allowed ourselves to learn something new, meet new people, and therefore have fun and become more comfortable in our environment. In the end, we all laughed at ourselves more than the non-Americans laughed at us.

However, if one unfortunately encounters 'not-so-open-minded' people in his or her travels, also remember what has shaped their stereotypes — the news and TV. When they see headlines about one of the world's most powerful figures — 'Wandering Willy' Clinton — spending more time in bed than in office, and they believe that Ricki Lake and Jerry Springer truly reflect the 'average' American, they obviously are going to perceive us as obnoxious and ignorant. Also, they see movies like "Air Force One," which make us look like the arrogant, pompous rulers of the world. When these are the most prevalent sources of American culture available to non-Americans, it is easy to see why negative stereotypes develop.

Although it is unfair that some people one encounters will believe such prejudices, it is also unfair for one to form such prejudices about them, especially if one has never spent a significant amount of time outside of America. When one goes abroad, it is important to be proud of aspects of American culture, such as the higher education system and employment opportunities. However, if one goes abroad with the attitude that "America is the best," and thinks that Americans unfairly dislike them, their prejudices will be solidified. Remember, allow your prejudices to be challenged.

Katherine Wasilenko '99

Confessions of a deactivated sorority girl

Colin Carman '00
Tantalizing Tellings

Last Fall, novelist Walter Kirn wrote an Op-Ed in the New York Times entitled "Drinking To Belong" (October 3, 1997). The essay, written after the death of Scott Krueger (the M.I.T. first-year that died after fraternity-encouraged binge drinking), was a fiery condemnation of Greek societies. "Fraternities and selective social clubs exploit students' desperate hunger to fit in," wrote Kirn. He urged America's colleges to do away with selective societies, arguing that they have "bullied, insulted and hazed their students for generations." He was outraged not only by the societies' emphasis on alcohol-consumption, but by their "promise of social elevation, their ability to prey on the insecurities of young adults."

It's the last part of that statement that struck me when I first came across Kirn's essay: the great power societies have over those who want to belong to a group. I was once concerned with issues of binge-drinking, demolition in dormitories, and hazing. Since I've been on the Hill, private societies have been implicated in every incident that has been a source of shame for our College (from sorority pledges nearly dying in a car wreck on Griffin Road to a collective beating in Dunham prefaced by the caveat, "This will teach you to f**k with our fraternity.") While issues of society-related violence were once my concern, I have become more interested in the, dare I say, "philosophical" implications of social clubs. Kirn's essay got me thinking less about the visible nature of societies (the things we read about in *The Spectator*, like the destruction of Bundy East) and more about their "deeper" nature.

My rancor for Greek societies dates back to my first semester at Hamilton when I watched friends flock toward rush functions where they were subsequently scrutinized, as if they were live stock at a farmers' market. When pledging began, I grew irritated with the secrecy associated with the societies. My friends became equally irritated with me when I pressed to find out what went on at these secret functions; I asked inappropriate questions like "Do you pay for your friendships with cash or credit card?" or "How come Sig brothers don't wear hats and T-shirts displaying their Greek letters? Why be in a fraternity if you're ashamed of being associated with the frat boy stereotype?" I wanted to know if any of the fraternities had a history of rape, which of course, they do. I soon found myself in a quandary: to oppose Hamilton's societies would mean that I could not attend their parties nor drink their beer. In order to stand up for what I believe in, I would have to forfeit a social life to a certain degree. I have lived with this decision for three semesters now (with two, minor infractions), and still maintain that private societies represent everything that we as liberally educated students should be railing against, particularly the divisiveness and elitism that they dump on this campus.

Spring at Hamilton is accompanied not only birds and sunshine, but by hapless first-years dressed in ridiculous articles of clothing. They don ribbon bracelets to alert us all (as if we care) that they are the chosen ones, the hand-picked, new additions to Hamilton's "select class." The library becomes noisier. And you begin you hear things like this "Oh, she's a Delta Delta Delta pledge" or "He's a Sic-My-Dog-On-You brother." You can almost hear the student body fracturing as we are constantly informed of who is joining which fraternity, who is now sporting a fleece vest so he can look like his "brothers," who has replaced her sweat pants with black lycra so she can occupy the center tables in Commons. By the end of the year, the pledges are fully assimilated and looking just like everyone else in their clique. Now I know there are societies in which members maintain some degree of individuality, but on the whole, private societies have an amazing ability of turning the individual into a group player. We all want to find a group of friends when we come to college; some argue that friend groups can be as impenetrable and exclusive as private societies (both are equally atrocious).

But should the College recognize this sort of behavior? Should "Hamilton College" and "Delta Delta Delta" be on the same baseball hat when Hamilton asserts that it doesn't discriminate due to sex, race, class, or sexual orientation? Private societies are all about discrimination. Societies must discriminate in order to keep the groups small and forever exclusive. A friend of mine argued that I should favor societies because they were originally formed so students could band together and defend themselves against old, autocratic administrations. He told me that the rebellious nature of societies should appeal to the liberal in me. (This is the "Animal House" perception of Greek Life: a bunch of rude, Falstaffian fellows wreaking havoc on the administration.) While societies may have once been subversive and anti-authority, now societies ARE the authority. The Res-Life decision sought to weaken societies, but it instead increased their power by giving them a monopoly over the social scene. This power has made the societies cocky and downright irritating; they see themselves as our suppliers, the sole source of fun on campus. They write erroneous letters to *The Spectator* about the First Amendment guaranteeing their right to gawk at lesbian strippers. In reality, Greek societies are a scourge on the face of Hamilton College. They reduce the individual to a label, a preconceived notion of how they should dress and behave. Last semester, in an essay about Greek societies at University of Michigan, I stated that all Greek Life has to offer Hamilton is kegs and elitism. Let me amend that to read kegs, elitism, broken pool tables in Bundy East, Divine the Utica stripper, and good-old, American separatism.

Technology; it's time to take a stance

Evan Frankel '01
Looking Through Every Window

On Tuesday the Federal Government released over 100 excerpts from Theodore Kaczynski's journal. The infamous unabomer kept a journal since the beginning of his twenty year reign as a terroist.

Within these excerpts lies the root of his plans and his motivation. As in his manifesto that was printed in major newspapers just a few years ago, Kaczynski defends his actions as retaliatory against technological crimes committed by our society.

I do not believe that Kaczynski's actions were right; they were too far out of line for me to agree with him; but I can see from where his motivation stemmed. In a world dictated by technology and bureaucracy, the ideological freedom that Kaczynski was looking for was impossible unless he got serious attention from the general public.

He clearly states in both his manifesto and, to a lesser degree, his journal the intentions of his terrorist spree. Simply put, he wants the people of our society to look around and question if the route we are taking is most beneficial to our collective future. Is technology the answer to our problems, or does it create more problems than it resolves?

I cannot foresee that we will ever master technology enough so that it reverses all the problems it has created since the industrial age. Can we fix the impending global warming problem through our computers? Can we fix the gap in the ozone layer? Can we compensate for our diminishing supplies of fossil fuel, or are we left to come up with a short-term solution to a long-term problem?

Are we going to be able to feed the overpopulated society we have created, or will we just have idly watch as large portions of our world's population die from starvation in the coming decades? Can this problem get out of hand, or should we just let someone else take care of it?

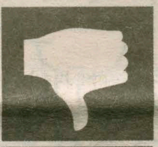
This is where I agree with Ted Kaczynski. I don't see our society's problems going away as our technology increases. No matter how many cable channels I can get, never will that information help solve some of the problems we face.

I do not condone the actions of Ted Kaczynski. But I do ask of people to listen to his ideas with an open mind and look at the problems he addresses logically. Anyone can see a terrorist and blanket them as "crazy," and this may be very true in this case. But without examining the solutions he proposes an educated decision cannot be reached. Maybe he is right and the future will be very grim if we continue heading in the same direction. Who knows?

It is our job to become informed about our society and get involved with what is going on around us. I believe that we can learn from him, his ideas on society are ones that deserve attention. What he says is not that far-fetched, maybe what we need to do is to take a stance. It doesn't matter which side you are on, but rather that you are on one. This is not something that will go away, technology has and will forever change the course of history. It will play a role in your everyday life forever. So think about it, what is your opinion, your priority, your stance, your belief?

Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down

By Matt de Tessen '00 & Evan Langfeldt '00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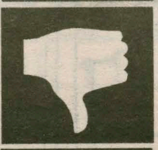
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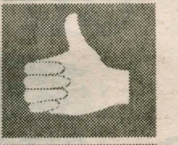
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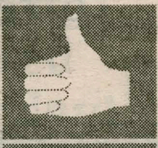
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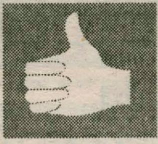
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Questions of religion...

Allison Coffey '00
What I Believe...

I am what some might call a born-again Christian. I am also a college student who struggles constantly with absolutes and is trained to ask incessant questions. Reconciling these identities is a daily battle.

First, let me explain what I mean when I say that I am a born-again Christian. I believe that there is a God. I believe that He created humanity in His image, but that we separated ourselves from Him, despite His desire to have us know Him. I believe that this God created a son who lived an earthly life and then died in total separation from God—the only human to ever experience such separation. I believe that this man—whose name was Jesus—died this death so that He could bridge the separation between God and man. I believe that it's up to man to acknowledge this separation, and the necessity to overcome it.

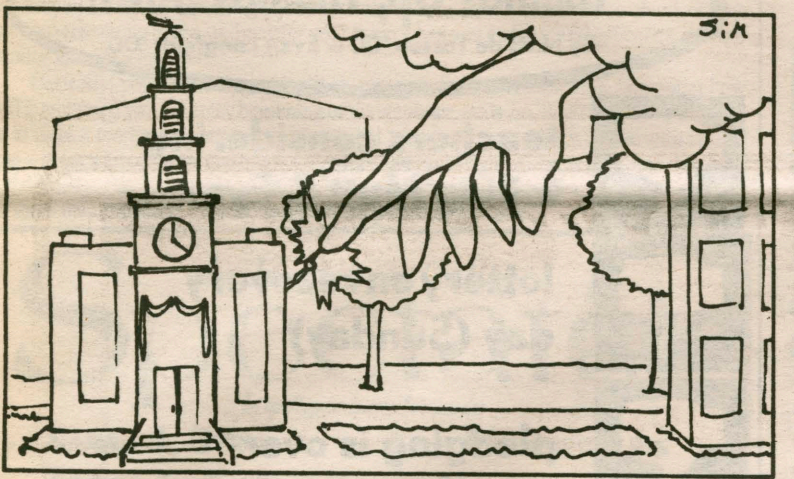
I'll gladly admit that these beliefs are provocative. They are provocative enough that it takes every ounce of courage that I have to print my name with them in *The Spectator*. They are provocative because they are statements of absolutes, and they represent a faith. And speaking from experience, faith in something absolute is a scary, scary thing.

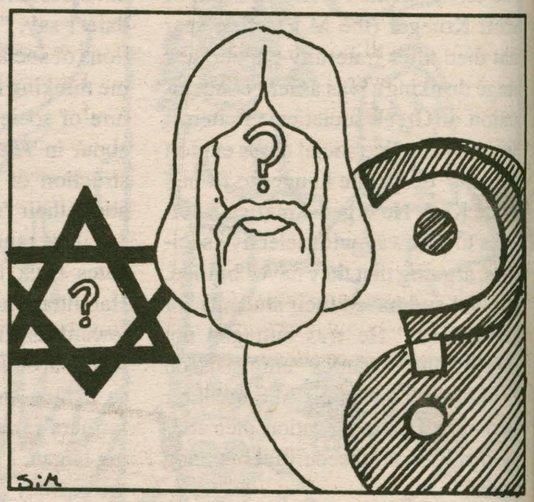
Faith is uncertain. As a faithful Christian I spend time every day doubting what it is that I just professed to believe. I don't believe that this doubt weakens my faith, in fact I think it strengthens it. God does not ask me to be right all the time. He asks me to be faithful. He asks me to seek truth, and in seeking truth to draw closer to Him.

In seeking truth, I need other people. Christians form churches to be just such resources for other people. These groups of believers then devise religions which contain rules to regulate the group's members and to aid them in their searches for further truth about Christianity. Because we are a civilized world and crave some sense of social order, such organizations will inevitably arise, and are important. Sometimes, because they are man-made, the rules of such religions are not entirely faith-based or are unclear, and create controversy between the religion's members. When this happens, onlookers are quick to point out the discrepancies and to label the religion's members hypocrites. I believe that the emphasis should not be on whether "rules" are followed. God does not care about rule-following; He cares about faithfulness.

I came to really believe in Christianity as a junior in high school, so this isn't all rote memorization for me. It's a four year process of reading, watching and asking questions of other people and of God. I try hard to live at all times according to what I believe. I strive to do what I believe God would have me do, and to live a perfect life of faith. I fail. I fail because I'm human, because I'm imperfect, and because I don't always know or want to acknowledge God. But, I press on because there is something I have found in Christianity which I haven't found anywhere else.

In my faith I have found truth. It's truth that I see in the extensive evidence that exists to prove the life, death and resurrection of a man named Jesus. It's truth I see in the diverse group of people that believes in this evidence across all racial, cultural and denominational lines. It's truth that I see in my own life, when I can acknowledge the working of a higher power, the functioning of a world by patterns that can not be entirely explained, even by the most complex sociological theorists. It's truth that lets me be a college student and a Christian, because it's truth that is absolute and truth that welcomes questions.





Jennifer Irvine '00
High Expectations

Let me begin by saying that I am an avid advocate of the notion of "free will." If one chooses to follow a contemporary religious path, by all means, do so! But if one is questioning what path is right for him - then you and I are on the same wavelength. I have not accepted or denounced *any* religion. I am, however, straining to make sense of them.

Bitter and divisive wars have been fought over whose religion is right. Historically, it used to be a source of discrimination, much like race or sexual orientation. People were enslaved, murdered, tortured, and banished-all in the name of God. Are these people moral? They all thought God was on their side. Was God on Hitler's side? He thought so. If there is a God, was it his plan to be fought over? I wonder if He is disappointed in the human race.

There are so many different, yet similar, denominations of every type of religion right now. The rules religions have adopted have changed as society has changed. They seem to adhere to their surroundings. How do we know which one is right? They all believe God is on their side. In war somebody always loses. Somebody has to be mistaken, right?

Religions now are so far evolved from the original rules, one wonders how they can hold the same original names. A random clause picked from the Bible can be interpreted many different ways. Religion seems so hypocritical. People only follow the parts they want to follow, not agreeing with or even accepting all aspects. I constantly hear "I'm a hardcore Catholic, but I use birth control." or "I'm Jewish, but we don't observe that part." I say, "but if you accept the religion, shouldn't you accept the entire religion?" It doesn't make sense, in a institution of faith, that one would see feasibility in one step and then stop at the next. Many marriages end in divorce, which was once forbidden by the church. Teen pregnancies rise and fall with the winds.

For some people in the world, religion is all that they have-which is fine. But there is no need to accept a religion. If one does choose to accept a religion, I believe that you must accept the whole religion. There is no halfway. Church services, for some, are simply ritualistic. People say what they are expected to say without thinking about what it is that they are doing. They simply act so and do so because it is what they have been taught to do. Even if they do not believe a certain part of the mass, they will go along with it to seem faithful. It is good idea to question your religion and the religion of others.

I do not believe that if one attends church, one is instantly "good." It also does not hold that if one is "good," one is also religious. I also do not understand why churches collect money to build more churches. Shouldn't that money go to the poor? Jesus didn't have a church; he was a traveler.

Religious groups often remind me of a team. They give no real thought as to why they are there. They just want to be a part of a team. They scout recruits, talk them into signing by making deals, trying to make the best players. People can convert back and forth, much like trading. There is no real loyalty.

For some people religion is equated with confusion. I once read an article in a magazine called Campus Life. I was completely shocked while reading the section for letters. A girl in college wrote in about her roommate, who had sex with her boyfriend for the first time. She was asking the advice of the columnist on what to do about it and whether or not to call the girl's parents. The response was to evaluate her friendship with her roommate and decide whether or not to inform her parents according to what she believed and the wishes of the almighty savior. Another letter in the same issue was from two college students who had been having primal sexual urges and thought they were strange, bad people, perhaps committing a sin. These students wanted to know how to stop the evilness and the strength to resist it. The responder just basically told them to be strong. He said nothing to relieve these students. Both of these instances demonstrate extremely confused teenagers. The former was not the other girl's concern and the latter was an issue from very healthy teenagers, who deserved an explanation about the "ins and outs" of *nature*.

America allows you to practice any religion you please, lawfully. But there is a unwritten, yet understood clause to that statement, which is "as long as you do not infringe upon the liberties of others." Religion is a personal journey, not a cult movement, and not a group activity. If you hold the spirit of good will within, you do not need someone else to bestow it upon you...you will know...

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Ascend to the painful summit of goodbye; right...about...now

TAMAR VICTORIA SCOGGIN '00
ASPIRING SPIRITUAL ATHLETE

There is a distinctive air saturating this campus. One more week left of classes and then one week of finals. I hear cheers going up from the crowd. Yet, wait, what comes after that? I know of a great exodus of rising juniors, myself included, that will not be back next year. Possibly never. Then I know of those who will definitely not be back, for they are graduating and moving to bigger dreams and bigger fears. What are we to do with these good-byes when we must face up to them? Saying good-bye is the hardest, most incomplete task we can ever endeavor to make, for somehow the warmth of the good-bye embrace always seems to linger a lot longer than our emotional cool can handle.

So, I'll ask the question again, "what are we to do with these good-byes when we must face up to them?" Such is the bittersweet scent that has settled into everyone's heart right...about...now. The sun is warm and golden, the air fragrant, the grass velvet green, the leaves on the trees trembling with new life. And here we are, one more week of classes, then one week of finals, then the good-byes. We tremble like leaves about to let go, as Rumi would say. Not only is there still a mountain of schoolwork to climb over, but once we reach the summit, we know it was merely the final base camp before the real ascent begins: saying good-bye. How tired we are already, and now we must endeavor to climb to this summit whose reward is a phantom pain that we will only know of once we feel it.

This world is full of painful summits. I do not care if you are an emotional Ironman, saying good-bye hurts. The crazy thing is, my friend, that you are meant to hurt. For a pretty long while I have been on this huge Eastern philosophy kick, ask any of my friends. Before Buddha and Krishna it was Ayn Rand and Plato. In each I found great similarities, but I'll save it for future creative excursions (look for the book!). Point being, is that Buddha was a pretty smart doctor. After checking me out in my heart-sickly state, he'd ask, "what is your cause of suffering?"

I'd shyly shuffle my feet and avert my eyes and say: "Saying good-bye to those I love."

"Why does this hurt?"

"Because my love exists whether or not they are with me, and when they cannot be with me, this love hurts."

"Why are you making your love for your friends hurt?" "What?"

"You know you can love without being hurt." "What?!"

"The power is within you, figure it out." Then he'd pat me on my head, sit down and meditate right there on top of that summit in the face of the whipping wind and low-oxygen. I would stand there for awhile, probably buggin' out just because it's Buddha. Then I would think about what he said. Then I would climb off that mountain, and begin my journey all over again. The difference now, is that there is a map: "You know you can love without being hurt. The power is within you, figure it out."

Yet, as I said, this world is full of painful summits, and we are meant to hurt. Well, first of all, we are nomadic by nature. By this I mean that we are a creature that is never satisfied, be it emotionally, physically, scholastically, sexually, intellectually - ah, you get the point. This is the cause of our suffering, I mean, just hear the suffering in Mick Jagger's voice when he sings about gettin' no satisfaction! Happiness is a manner or traveling, not arriving. Just remember this when you are standing in the whipping wind of your departed friend, unable to get a breath through all the emotions you feel.

Now, you can be the Ironman of Buddha and sit down to meditate, but we being human, our best option is to keep on keepin' on. Make that your meditation. If anything, that pain you feel right...about...now is your fuel to keep going. You cannot hang out at the summit forever. Everything comes to end. Everything begins again. Do not hurt because you are expected to. Have courage. The power is within you, figure it out.

There are two parting words of advice to you, my friends. The first I received from my father, Mr. Objectivist himself: "Do not take counsel of your fears." If you do, your bigger dreams are being cheated. If you do, those winds will knock you right off that mountain - then you'll REALLY know pain.

The future is a foggy journey nonetheless. Just remember, you did not forget to pack anything, sometimes you just forget what you come with. The second advice I received is from someone to whom I must say good-bye to, and who gave me the inspiration to write this article, and just to start writing again, period. "Time is crazy. Don't waste it." This is some advice we must all figure out for ourselves. Never forget the power of your heart.

THE LEADING BRAND by Brandon Sim '99

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Acoustic Coffeehouse celebrates their fifth anniversary in the Events Barn with Ellis Paul, Patty Griffin, and Vance Gill

By Jim O'Shaughnessy '00
A&E Editor

The music of Ellis Paul is returning to Hamilton as part of the final Acoustic Coffeehouse Series this Thursday, May 7 at 8 PM in the Events Barn. Paul will be accompanied by Vance Gilbert and Patty Griffin. This show should be a terrific battle and cooperative experience at the same time, because all three musicians are competing for recognition from the same listeners.

Paul's music comes from the brick walkways of the New England hang-out, Harvard Square. He is rapidly becoming one of the most respected singer/songwriters on the contemporary folk scene. The press is saying that Paul "has a way of mining the intimate details of his characters' lives for the telling nugget, the descriptive powers of a good novelist." That only describes the context of his music. Southern Vibes Magazine writes, "Ellis Paul perches on a stool, his guitar makes a canvas for his amazing voice". Obviously, he has earned himself a fine reputation among even the most critical in the music business.

Joining Paul are fellow singer/songwriters Patty Griffin and Vance Gilbert. Griffin's name has been seen in almost every paper and magazine where she has set foot to perform. She is featured on the Lilith Fair live album after her incredible performance this summer. A very comparable and intense musician to watch, especially in contrast to the playing of Ellis Paul. When Griffin sings, "what she's saying emerges only gradually from the melted syllables, but the emotion is volatile and immediate," writes the New York Times.

Vance Gill is the third performer on the night, but he may be the most charismatic of the bunch. He is one of those performers that brings more than just his voice and music to the stage. His relationship with listeners has been describes as "an ongoing love affair" by the Boston Globe. He is said to put on quite a theatrical and comedic performance that go well with his "nylon string guitar riffs and jumping vocals of jazz and the melodies of pop," writes the Boston Phoenix. A great final touch to the trio of talented musicians

For all of you that griped that there were no big concerts this spring, Paul, Griffin, and Gill should satisfy your desires. Come listen at the grand finale of this year's Acoustic Coffeehouse Series .

MOVIES IN REVIEW

The Big Hit — B-

Courtesy Hoyt's Sangertown 8, Sangertown Square Mall

By Kathy Hess '99
Editorial Cartoonist

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The Big Hit's was advertised as being from the makes of *Face Off*, but, although the action in this flick remains at a high pitched level, the rest of the film is what my first grade teacher would refer to as "potty humor". It isn't that potty humor is a bad thing, it just isn't the only thing. The best example I can give you is the slogan of the film, "Hit happens." What an early poignant pun! Sometimes the testosterone rush gets in the way of a super action movie.

Melvin Smiley, Cisco, Crunch, and Vinnie all work for Paris as hit men. Not just any hit men though. These gueys are all BUILT, in the very definition of masculine. In the beginning of the film Crunch (Bokeem Woodbine, *The Rock*) discovers that masturbation is a lot "less maintenance" than having a woman around. The rest of his time in the film is filled with masturbation jokes. One down, three to go.

Vinnie (Antonio Sabato Jr.: *Melrose Place*) hands Melvin a bag of chopped up guy, helps Cisco dupe Melvin out of his money, and then disappears for the rest of the film. He is Melvin's best friend.

Cisco (Lou Diamond Phillips: *The King and I*) is left to become the villain. He is the essence of machismo, apparently best represented by skin-tight, sequined shirts. He uses Melvin and drags him into a doomed kidnapping scheme.

Melvin Smiley (Mark Walberg: *Boogie Nights, The Basketball Diaries*) is a doormat when he is not on the job. He has two women (a lover and a fiancee), who walk all over him. In the kidnapping, he is left holding the girl, and his future-in-laws come to visit, while a sadistic video store clerk keeps calling about an overdue King Kong rental.

The action sequences in the movie are worth going paying for the movie ticket. They are unbelievably awesome. There is a little bit of the big vehicle crashes into a bigger vehicle stuff, but most of it is person to person fighting that requires great stunts and careful choreography.

Mark Walberg and Lou Diamond Phillips are the personalities of the film. No one else gets the screen time or script to develop a character.

They were best when they were fighting, but both have a lot of charisma that carries them through each scene. Walberg just kept up the innocent kid thing he had going for him in *Boogie Nights*.

For a really sophomoric, masculine driven action movie, *The Big Hit* is a super choice. The fewer brain cells you take into the movie with you, the fewer you have to lose once the film begins.

Hamilton College Oratorio Society performs in Wellin

By Jim O'Shaughnessy '00
A&E Editor

The Hamilton College and Community Oratorio Society performed a magnificent concert in the Carol Woodhouse Wellin Hall this past Tuesday, April 28. The stage crowded by students, faculty, and members of the community preformed of Hungarian sacred music under director
G. Roberts Kolb. The size of the oratorio society was impressive; the large chorus seemed very well practiced; the large orchestra, especially the strings section, showed a great deal of talent; and the featured soloists, Anita Firman, soprano, Beth Ray, mezzo-soprano, David Parks, tenor, and Keith Earle, bass, were an exceptional boost to the overall performance.

The first piece played was Zoltan Kodaly's (1882-1967) *Psalmus Hungaricus* (1923). The second piece performed, Budavaria Te Deum (1936), is a companion piece to the first. *Psalmus Hungaricus* was written after Kodaly's career was interrupted by the first world war, when he was not allowed to teach music for two years. The mood and text of this piece is "a passionate outburst of indignation at persecution and betrayal, calling on Jehovah for vengeance and support." David parks was the sole performer. *Budavaria Te Deum* contrasts the first as a "triumphant work" after the Hungarian recapture of Buda from the Turkish. All four soloists performed in this piece, Anita Firman, Beth Ray, Keith Earle, and Parks.

The third piece performed was Franz Liszt's (1811-1886) *Missa Solemnis* (1859). Liszt is best known for his piano music and symphonic poems. This particular piece was first performed during the mass celebration of the consecration of the basilica in Gran (Esztergom), Hungary. It contains many parts that synthesize with the themes of the earlier movements. Again, all four soloists performed in this piece.

The most enjoyable factor aspect of the concert was the dichotomy of intensity. At times the music was invigorating, and at others it was relaxing. The performance out played my expectations enough so that I am looking forward to the Hamilton College Orchestra performance this Saturday May 2 at 8 PM. Go support your community!

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For The Week Of May 1 - 7

By The Mysterious Q
A&E Astrologer

Taurus
(April 21-May 21)
Best friends are people you are supposed to treat decently, Taurus. They aren't going to stick around forever. This week will be the last like it for a long time, so savor each moment, even if some of the days are stressful. Your lucky pill is: a painkiller.

Gemini
(May 22-June 21)
You set everyone up for a challenge, Gemini! From those who want to get close to those who have to critique your work, you're a tough one. This intensity within you will prepare you for all that the future has in store for you. Your lucky car is: a punch buggy.

Cancer
(June 22-July 22)
This weekend will be one to remember. From big parties to success in the lottery, you'll be smiling bigtime! As the days wind down get everything done, it will be worth it later on. Your lucky planet is: Saturn.

Leo
(July 23-August 23)
Lovely Leo, plans it all. From the *biggest* of bashes to the smallest of intimate meetings, you just love the control. Why don't you let more mystery enter your life these last few weeks? In other words, let things happen. Your lucky dorm was: North.

Virgo
(August 24-September 23)
Do you want a little less routine in your life, Virgo? Weekends aren't the only time to get crazy, is that what you're thinking loudly? Why don't you take on the traits of some friends and become aggressive? Your lucky pet is: an iguana.

Libra
(September 24-October 23)
Beginning to think of what to do over the summer, Libra? Jobs outside seem to be your best bet. The sun is fun so at least you'll get a good tan. Find something to do other than sit on your butt. Your lucky professor is: Eismeier.

Scorpio
(October 24-November 22)
This weekend is your last big show here, Scorpio. Give it everything you've got, the audience deserves it. Don't go too crazy there is a bit left of the academic year and your smile won't get you that far. Your lucky vitamin is: Vitamin C.

Sagittarius
(November 23-December 21)
Although your special time of year looms far off in the distance, this next week it feels as though it is your birthday. You'll be getting lots of attention that you never expected. Be prepared! Your lucky beverage is: a smoothie.

Capricorn
(December 22-January 20)
Living in a cave all day long, Capricorn? When the weather is nice, you should take advantage of it. Stop dressing for snowstorms, have faith in the sun out here. Black may not be your color. Your lucky shoe is: a flip-flop.

Aquarius
(January 21-February 19)
Sharing stories of an ideal girl might make her come true soon, Aquarius. Keep being a good sport whenever you get picked on and a reward will be coming very soon. Sometimes normal people come out of the woodwork. Your lucky attitude is: positive.

Pisces
(February 20-March 20)
It's not time to start packing yet, Pisces. Sometimes blowing off the papers at the end of the year can create major change. Do you want that to happen? I know motivation is what you lack, but at least try and pretend! Your lucky shape is: a triangle.

Aries
(March 21-April 20)
Enjoying everything around you is the way to end the year, Aries. Every decision you make is truly the right one, whether you question it or not. Don't things always work out in the end? Make lots of plans for future gatherings! Your lucky dinner is: stirfry.

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Ali Giangola's perfoms Senior Jazz Recital in Bristol, makes the Hub hip

By Jim O'Shaughnessy '00
A&E Editor

"Bow Wow Wow!" the dogs called as they came tearing from their backyards and up the hill to hear the barking of Ali "The Fire Dog" Giangola '98 and his boys hip-jazzin the Hub until it felt as though you were coolin' in a subterranean, beatnik, hipster, hang-out.

Ali has spent the last semester working with Professor Doc Woods, bass; Dave Gould '98, tenor sax; Matt Manges '98, drums; Syracuse keyboardist, Tom Witowski; Erin Doherty '98, vocals; and Jim O'Shaughnessy '00, percussion, for his Senior Jazz Recital. With the help of Dr. Woods and the rest of the Music Department, Giangola completed his last performance as a Hamilton student. The first tune played was "West Coast Blues," by Wes Montgomery, followed by "Sugar," a Stanley Turrentine number. "Basic Musicianship" and "Harbor Girl" were both written by Ali himself and "Oh Green Street" by Kaper/Washington; and "Spirit Dance" by Clarence Clemmens worked well as middle pieces because they were different from the rest of the songs, and had a terrific upbeat tempo.

Right after "Spirit Dance" Ali threw in one he wrote—the darker, traditional, slow, jazz tune, "Soul Seeds"; a "Fire Dog" special that filled the room with that familiar smell of smoke and booze. Ali admits to being a Robin Ford maniac, which is why he fit "Revelation" into the mix. A terrific, upbeat song described as a "Gospel Song." The final piece of the organized recital was "Away From the Blues". A personal song for Ali about a confusing, heart-breaking incident. Erin Doherty '98 had the soulful voice of an older women, sexy and playful enough to compliment the crying of Ali's electric *Gibson* solo's. No other song would have completed his recital as well as "Away From the Blues".

FILE PHOTO

Ali Giangola '98 smiles much like he did Thrusday night after his recital.

Now, all the credit cannot be taken by Giangola alone. Friend and cohort Matt Manges '98 as always came ready to play and bewilder the crowd with his "human torpedo" rythm skills. Dave Gould '98, another familiar musician blew on his sax with perfect skill and a wonderful touch. We are all familiar with the playing of the "doctor". His bass-love-making can always be relied on. A guest musician from Syracuse, "Tom Sitowski" has it, I mean that boy can play! The crowd could not get enough of Witowski, and it was apparent that he was having a great time feeding off their energy.

Before you go, stay a moment to hear about another opportunity to be amazed by Hamilton students. It feels great to listen to good music, doesn't it? Well, then you would agree that it also enjoyable, and probably more asthetically pleasing, to watch dancing accompanied by great music. Giada Bufalini '98, Tamar Cunningham '98, and Violette Tucker '98 choreographed their Senior Project in Dance which they will perform Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2 at 8 PM in Minor Theater. This show will probably be their best performance yet, which means everyone that goes will leave very impressed and satisfied.

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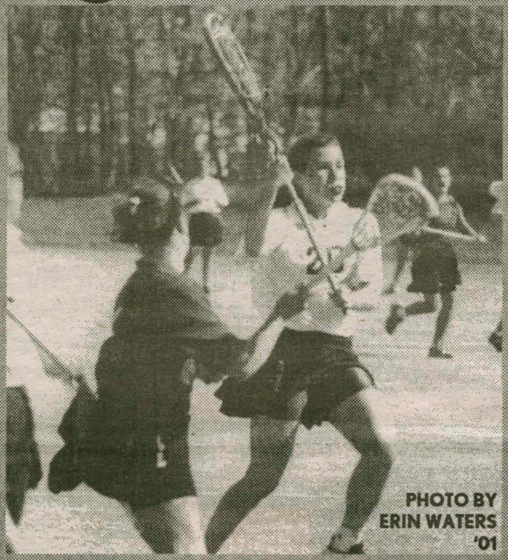
Women's lax wins final game of season



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Betsy Bruce will go back to restructure the playbooks after the 4-10 season.

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Wakefield '01 and Adrien Moseley '01 with one goal each, and Gloo with an assist. Meredith Haimes '98 and Jessica Asrican '01 each had seven saves in net.

The final season stats have Gloo leading the points with thirty goals, twelve assists for a combined forty-two points. Christa Sinclair and Moseley each had twenty-eight points.

Vaughan had twenty-six points, Wakefield contributed with nineteen total points, Shannon Mercier '00 had ten points, and both Phelps and Ramsdell had eight points. Eliza Hawkey '00, Merrill Indoe, Julie Riewerts '01, and Kristen Engster '01 also had goals.

It was a tough season for the team, but it was a season which saw many impressive personal accomplishments. Coach Betsy Bruce will certainly have some adjustments to make for next season, but that's the name of the game. A coach must be able to adjust her gameplan if he or she wants the winning season.

Tennis looks for win in final home match after a season of mixed results

By Damon Lopez-O'Dwyer '98
Sports Editor (Retired)

During a two week hiatus from *The Spectator* sports pages, the team played both the UCAA and NESCAC tournaments. Neither tournament proved kind to the Continentals.

On April 18th and 19th, Hamilton traveled to the banks of Seneca Lake to the UCAA tournament site at Hobart & William Smith Colleges. Seeded 5th, the Continentlas were paired against the fourth seeded Hobart Statesman. Hobart proved to be a tough squad, overmatching Hamilton 6-1. Co-Captain Greg Nussbaum '98 tallied Hamilton's only point with a three set victory, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 at three singles.

Later that afternoon, Hamilton faced Clarkson, and regained some pride, convincingly burying them 5-2. Hamilton got victories from Jon Plumb '00, Greg Nussbaum, Co-Captain Damon Lopez-O'Dwyer '98 and Eric Teruel '01. Lopez-O'Dwyer had to battle for his win after dropping surprisingly the first set. "He was a scrappy little guy," he commented after the 4-6, 6-4, 7-5 win.

On the 19th, Hamilton would face RPI, whom the Continentals beat 4-3 earlier in the season. In a twist of fate, RPI reversed the score, knocking off the Continentals 4-3. Hamilton received wins from Nussbaum, Lopez-O'Dwyer, and Teruel. Hamilton finished the tournament in a disappointing 6th place. Nussbaum was 3-0, while Lopez-O'Dwyer and Teruel each went 2-1 over the course of the tournament.

Ben Pinchin '99 and Teruel gained some recognition long in the making as they were named to the Second Team All-UCAA doubles squad in the coaches poll. "It's a thrill," commented Pinchin. "You work hard out there all weekend long, and it's just nice to be recognized. I was really impressed with the way Eric stepped up his level. He played some tough tennis all weekend."

The next weekend the Continentals traveled to Williams Town, Mass for the NESCAC tournament. All odds were against the young team as number one player, Jon Plumb was unable to make the tournament due to an academic field trip obligation. Everyone had to move up a spot and play higher in the ladder than usual which sent the team into a minor tailspin.

Pinchin and Teruel, however, surprised everyone but themselves and took the second seeded Amherst team three sets in the first doubles tournament, earning the UCAA legends some respect in Massachussettes.

"When you have to bump everyone up, each player automatically becomes the last seed in his draw. It's tough to win in the NESCAC conference against those odds," explained coach Scott Smith.

On Wednesday Hamilton boarded the bus again and headed off to Union. It was to be an ugly afternoon for the Continentals in many ways, but in a show of guts, the team was able to pull out of 4-3 decision. Pinchin was strong again at number two singles in a 6-3, 7-6 win. Greg Nussbaum picked up his tenth win of the season, 6-4, 6-4, and Teruel showed All-UCAA form in a 6-4, 6-2 win.

Co-captains Nussbaum and Lopez-O'Dwyer battled at second doubles and finally prevailed in a dramatic victory 9-7. Lopez-O'Dwyer ripped a backhand return up the middle of the court as an elated Nussbaum yelled "Oh my God! That was a rocket!"

The win earned the all-important doubles point for the Continentals, and as the team boarded the bus, many Union fans could still be heard talking about the elusive doubles point which the experienced Hamilton captains had wrenched from their beloved Union squad.

The Continentals play their host to Hobart on Tuesday. "It's going to be a war," Coach Smith assured the media. "Our guys want revenge for what happened at the UCAA's."

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Baseball keeps playoff hopes alive

Continentals go 13-12 with one game left

The Continentals will end their season .500 or better, and this record will most definitely guarantee them a playoff bid. PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

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firmed Davis' sentiments with three hits in the DH spot this past weekend. "They have a real good attitude, and contribute an awful lot," said Davis of all his seniors.

The team is facing its first .500 season in recent years. At 13-12 they are guaranteed a .500 season even if they lose their last game of the season. "We haven't won thirteen games in a long time," said Davis, "but we're a little disappointed. Our speculations were a little higher."

The team's last game is this Friday against Ithaca. If Hamilton does win they have a good shot at earning a ECAC Championship bid. "We have a lot of confidence and we're going to try and knock them off," said Fay. "If we win it would be a feather in the cap," responded Bono.

Track is on track

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This past Saturday and Sunday, Hamilton's finest from the track team went to compete at the NESCAC Championships. Both the men's and women's track and field teams showed a strong presence at the championships, and with several meets to go, Hamilton can do nothing but improve on their already high level of talent.

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

The track team will travel to Binghamton this weekend.

On the men's side, there were several strong finishes. Sam Brown '01 cut 5 seconds off his personal best to move up in the rankings for this weekend's state meet at Binghamton. His time was 4:05.22, and he is a favorite in the upcoming Binghamton meet.

Also, Erin Ersenkal '98 had a time of 1:56.50 in the 800 meters and set the school record in the event and finish second overall. Ersenkal and Brown both set records for their repective finishes. Brown set a record for a freshman in the 1500 meter run, and Ersenkal set an overall school record.

Other honorable mentions on the men's side were: Josh Cooper '00, who finished 7th in 400 meter hurdles, Rob Whelan '98, who finished 10th in the 400 meter dash, and Bob Fish '98 who finished 3rd in the men's shot put with a throw of 14.31 meters. Dan Cooney '00 finished 6th in the shot put with a throw of 13.40 meters.

On the women's side, Stacy Tysinski '99 finished 8th in the 500 meter run. This was a strong showing for the junior who is ranked very favorably in the upcoming meet in Binghamton. Sarah Scwob '98, Lesley Vars '98 and Katie McAuliffe '99 finished 27th, 21st, and 20th respectively in the 800 meter run.

In the shot put, Sherri Hamlette '01 finished 7th with her throw of 9.98.

Overall, it was a firm outing for both teams. The men finished 9th while the women placed 11th. Both teams will have to push harder this weekend for a stronger showing.

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Matt Nolan '98 hurdles as the pack behind him gains ground.

1998 Continental football preview

BY PETER RINGEL '01
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Continentals have been gearing up for the 1998 football season since their final game of the regular season, a 17-7 win over Bates. It was only their second victory of the 1997 season and it closed the door on what had been a rather dissapointing season. The Continentals should have been 5-3, but lost close games against Bowdoin, Wesleyan, and Williams. But that is all in the past as the Continentals focus on the future.

The Continentals lose 20 seniors, including their captains, and eight of eleven defensive starters. The biggest lost will be felt at linebacker where the Continentals lose three superb seniors. Buddy LaSala, Frank Loverro, and David Martucci have all played their last games and the Continentals will have trouble replacing them.

"It will be extremely difficult to replace them," said outside linebacker Adam Moscatel '99. "They were great players, but I think we should fare pretty well because we are bringing in a lot of recruits."

The defensive secondary lost two tremendous players in Kyle Bennett and Chris Finley. "Losing them is a big loss," said free safety Mario Henderson '00. "They showed me the ropes and how to take control. I really liked them, but the program goes on. I was a walk-on last season so I feel I didn't play up to my potential. I had one year to get my feet wet, and we should be pretty good with cornerback Ron Kim '01 and safety John Manley '00, along with a lot of new recruits coming in."

Bolstered by co-captain Jim Davis '99, the defensive line should be a dominant force. "I will bring leadership to this team, and I will lead by example," said Davis. When asked how the Continentals will perform next season, Davis quoted the football film, *"The Program."* "Next year... next year we sell out... next year we dominate!"

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Lyons, Davis, Carroll, Riccio, and Moscatel are ready for next season.

Offensively, the Continentals must sure up their offense line. Captain Chris Antoni, a three-year starter, is gone, as is offensive tackle Jim Eisenberg. The Continentals cannot expect to have a successful season running or throwing the football until they bolster the offensive line.

The passing game will be improved as quarterback Robbie Peters '00 returns for another season. "Robbie gained a lot of experience last year," said co-captain Tom Carroll '99. "He's got a good head on his shoulders, and he is a great athlete. He should do fine, because he has been working hard in the weight room."

Carroll will start at tight end and as a captain for the upcoming season will try to energize the team. "I have a solid work ethic and will a do a little extra every day in practice," he added. Wide receivers Kelby Valenti '99 and Shawn Lyons '99 will help the passing game. Lyons is coming off an injury and should bounce back, while Valenti is coming off a phenomenal season in which he drove defensive secondaries mad.

"No one can deny that last year proved to be a dissapointing season," said Loverro, a four-year starter at linebacker. "Although it is rarely spoken about, I know a lot of the seniors still think about missed opportunities, but all in all I'm sure we'll all look back at our four years with fond memories."

Loverro continued, "There's no doubt that the defense has lost a lot of key players. But the positive side of that is that those positions are now open for anybody and that will create a lot of energy and competition.

I am sure that on that first Saturday the best players will be on the field and that they'll do a fine job. I know the returning guys are all working hard, and I see the determination they have. I wish them all the best."

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Thur. May 7								
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NHL					
Montreal at Pittsburgh 5/1	Penguins	Penguins	Penguins	Penguins	Penguins
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Boston at Washington 5/1	Bruins	Bruins	Capitals	Capitals	Bruins
Dallas at San Jose 5/2	Stars	Stars	Sharks	Stars	Stars
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Charlotte at Atlanta 5/1	Hornets	Hawks	Hawks	Hawks	Hornets
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Texas at Boston 5/3	Rangers	Rangers	Rangers	Rangers	Rangers
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NESCAC vs. NCAA

Jason Santarcangelo
From The Front Office

It was four years ago that I decided to come to Hamilton and experience life on the Hill. I never thought that in my four years that the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC), our main athletic conference, would under go such drastic changes. I have already written two columns this year explaining the NESCAC and offering my thoughts on the 'vote.'

I am talking about the decision that was handed down on April 22, 1998 by the President's of the member institutions to alter the structure of the conference forever. In a unanimous vote, the Presidents passed a series of resolutions and a NESCAC mission statement. In the statement released by the Presidents, they claim "the resolutions are designed to minimize the effect of post-season play on member schools and strengthen intraleague play."

The resolutions are as follows: *The conference will evolve into a qualified playing conference within the NCAA Division III in all sports eligible for that status, except football. Appropriate mechanisms will be created to determine a conference champion in all sports where it is practical. The conference will send only the conference champion to post-season competition in one venue deemed appropriate – normally NCAA Division III.*

As soon as mechanisms are created to determine a conference champion in each sport, NESCAC schools will cease participation in ECAC competition, except in instances where ECAC competition is determined to be more appropriate than NCAA national competition. These changes will lessen conflicts with academic schedules; the remaining conflicts with examinations and other academic priorities will be resolved by each institution. To help adopt the resolutions, a conference office will be established at one of the NESCAC member schools.

This ruling is a double-edged sword. For every sport that it harms, it helps another sport. We currently participate in one of the toughest athletic conferences in all of Division III. Example, men's ice hockey where nine of the top thirteen teams were from the NESCAC conference. The only omission is Wesleyan (they finished tied for sixteenth). As the scenario develops, Middlebury went on to win its fourth consecutive NCAA tournament and our Continentals went on to win the ECAC East Championship (the first in school history).

If I understand the new regulations, only the NESCAC champion would be allowed to compete in the post-season. While I believe that it is unfair for only one team to 'qualify for the post-season,' supporters of the new resolution maintain that a NESCAC tournament would be better competition than any post-season tournament.

Supporters' argument seems to hold a great deal of weight. If you look at the NCAA basketball tournament, three of the four teams playing in the East Region semi-finals at St. Lawrence were NESCAC members. Therefore, why shouldn't there be a NESCAC tournament where the best schools would be able to compete and the champion would theoretically advance to the late rounds of the appropriate NCAA tournament.

As I ate dinner at the annual hockey banquet where this years team was honored for capturing its first ever ECAC crown, I could not help but think about the NCAA tournament that the Continentals never got the opportunity to compete in. The ECAC champion is extended an invitation to compete for the NCAA title but under the current NESCAC regulations, the team had to decline the invitation because they had already competed in a post-season tournament.

It was unfortunate (despite the fact they knew the ECAC championship game was the end of their season win or lose) because there was no telling how far this team could have gone. They were playing their best hockey of the year and all of a sudden, death. A victorious death in overtime, but none the less the dream season was over.

Now as the new regulations begin to take effect, only one team will have the opportunity to compete for that coveted NCAA crown (that in hockey Middlebury has won four *straight* years). But in the less dominant sports a NESCAC championship would be a tremendous opportunity for less dominant sports. And again, the champion of even the less dominate sports would have the opportunity to succeed at the national level.

The decision is a compromise, a compromise allowing member institutions to place a heavier emphasis on 'academic policies.' In theory it does not sound all too bad but in reality, it's hard to swallow. I support the idea of NESCAC championship for all sports. I do believe that the NESCAC is the most dominate Division III athletic conference in the country and championships wold solve the mystery of who's better Hamilton or Williams, or Middlebury or Colby, etc.

I can't help but feel for the athletes that are to follow here on the Hill and other NESCAC schools. Upsets are part of the game, and they always will be but I feel for the first team that loses a NESCAC Championship at the buzzer or in overtime and is unable to compete for NCAA post-season glory despite the fact they had the best regular season.

Beyond winning and losing, athletics are about competing and reaching the pinnacle of your given sport. By limiting the number of teams that can compete in the NCAA or its equivalent takes something away from the student-athlete.

Sports teach us about teamwork, dedication, commitment and ask us to strive to be our best. Taking away the opportunity to compete is taking away the heart of the dedicated athlete who strives to be the best.

A View From The Bleachers: A Fan's Perspective

There are certain pilgrimages very true baseball fan must make or her life. Of course, one must the mecca of baseball in nearby erstown, the Hall of Fame. Fans ld also make the trip to Boston to he Green Monster before its too This writer also suggests each every fan see the ivy in Wrigley eir lifetime. One park I had on places to visit list was Camden rds in Baltimore. This week- I had a nce to the where became one of the most famous bers in baseball history.

As expected, Oriole Park was aculate. When I walked up the p and out into the open air of the ium (one of the greatest feelings fe, by the way) I felt as if I was sported back to the "golden age" aseball, or at least what I imagd it to be. No turf, no retractable f, no hotel, and no swimming pool. st plain baseball. I was in my glory.

DAVE BOLGER
A TRUE BASEBALL FAN

This particular day way even more exciting because I was about to witmess a piece of baseball history. Baltimore's beloved Cal Ripken was about to play in his 2500 consecutive game, a milestone that no other player will ever come close to. What else could a baseball purist ask for? This was what baseball is all about. Nothing could ruin my perfect baseball experience. Then reality set in.

The first thing that brought me down from cloud nine was the park's cuisine. And yes, it was cuisine. As I settled into my seat with my peanuts, the woman sitting next to me settled into her seat with...a gardenbuger, mashed potatoes, and carrots! Next to her, her husband was sinking his teeth into a hot open turkey sandwich. In disbelief, I looked around to see what the rest of the crowd was eating. Much to my dismay, I saw what looked more like people at a gourmet restaurant than a ballpark. People sat with trays on their laps filled with entrees and side dishes. What has happened to going to the ballpark and having a hotdog, peanuts, and a beer? What has happened to "buy me some peanuts and crackerjacks?" I must confess, I did breakdown and buy a cup of this fancy type of lemonade, but only because the vendor did a funny dance when he stirred the drink and it made me laugh. But I was disappointed in myself.

My other gripe with the park was its fans. For one, their overall knowledge of the game was awful. First, there were the two people behind me who discussed the infield fly rule for an entire inning without a clue as to what the rule really was. Or there was the time when the fans couldn't understand why with 2 outs the pitcher would intentionally walk the batter with a runner on second. I never saw so many clueless looks in all my life. I could not believe how the large percentage of the 46 plus thousand (the majority of which showed up in the third inning) on hand did not know the game of baseball. In New York, every fan thinks they are the manager and sometimes can actually call a better game than the skipper.

I also couldn't get over how quiet the stadium was. Granted there was the loud, several minute standing ovation Ripken got when the game became official and he reached his milestone, but as a whole, the place was silent. The word fan stems from fanatic, and these people were far from fanatics. The crowd cheered as if the were watching their kids play little league. "C'mon Joe (Carter), you can do it," they would shout. Or, my favorite, "Oh wouldn't it be fun if Cal hit a homer right now?" a fan said aloud at one point. "Oh wouldn't it be fun," doesn't seem to be the words of a fanatic. In New York you hear things like, "Hit a homer you bum." Or, more often, you hear things that aren't printable. Those are the words of fanatics.

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Perhaps I've been spoiled growing up in New York, but the "fans" in Baltimore are not what I expected the fans in that stadium to be. Maybe its only the loudmouth NYers that yell like maniacs. New Yorkers believe it is their God given right to criticize their teams. But I'd like to believe there are fans outside NY that are truly fanatics. A friend of mine was almost attacked in Fenway Park for wearing a Yankees hat a, which makes me believe that there are fanatics outside of New York. But there were none in Baltimore. So I left the site where Babe Ruth grew up with the words a fellow baseball fanatic (a rabid Red Sox fan) said to me at the game, "These fans don't deserve a place as beautiful as Camden Yards."

Softball ends disappointing season with 4-21 record

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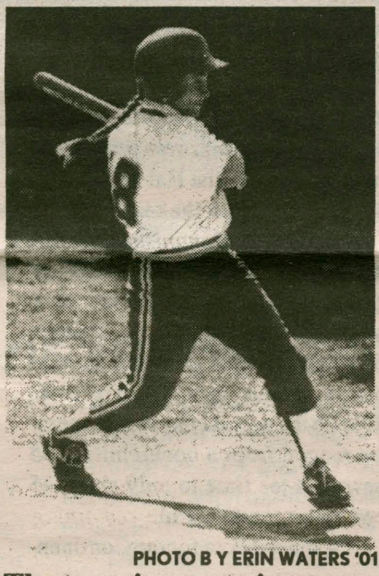
Softball ended this season on a n note. The team, which imved from its dismal 0-26 season year, finished 4-21 after a six losing streek. Only two teams the blunted axe of the lady tinentals: Russel Sage and Utica lege. Oswego and R.P.I. dealt ilton two loses apiece in lengthy ble headers this past week, totally ng the wind out of the Continensails.

On Monday, against Oswego, first game went into extra ings. It was a tough battle on the omed softball plain, but the Lady ntinentals suffered yet another eat. Going into the second game, were a psychologically battered n and the Oswego women were to find the missing scale in their or. They broke through and deed Hamilton in the second loss of day. Senior Co-Captain Kerri e said of the games, "They were se but we couldn't pull it together."

The scene was full of emotion as frustrated Continentals were



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The team is sure to improve.

handed the loss as if it were a sacrificed head on a pole. Their slow file off the field was like that of a funeral procession as they made their way towards the luxury bus.

The only thing that could lift the team's gutter dwelling spirit were the jovial antics of their bus driver. Grabbing his microphone, the driver joked the night away with horrible oneliners that these two reporters dare not repeat.

R.P.I. served the Lady Continentals their final two blows of the season in their last double header. The R.P.I. team put down their pocket protectors and picked up their heavy bats, and like the mighty Casey-Hamilton went splatz.

Of the games, Page remarked, "They were close but we couldn't pull it together."

The games were ones of high tension and brutal remarks which often offended the hot dog eating spectators on the baselines. Insults were thrown across the field as often as the softball.

Gretchen Randall '98 and Page, knicknamed Dot Richardson, are two seniors who bid farewell to Hamilton softball, and a team of their compatriots after this final doublheader. Our two seniors who contributed four years to this noble sport and walked off the field with their heads held high. Their leadership in the final season, helped save a team that had no wins. It was a touching moment to witness their jubulent celebration after the loses.

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Next year should prove to be better with the rising stars that make up the young squad. Abby McDermott '01 and Lisa Washburn '01 are two of these outstanding players that will hopefully contribute to a refreshing, winning season next year.

Last but not least, Korey O'Malley '01 will swing her mighty bat next season, and add to her eyebrow raising batting average.

Page beamed, "They are going to be really good. They have bonded this past year, and it should result in a better output." Let's hope so.

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SPORTS

Hamilton baseball climbs past .500

By Seth Crossman '01
Sports Writer

Hamilton kept their hopes for a post season ECAC Championship bid alive by winning three out of four this past weekend. On Saturday the Continentals split with St. Lawrence as they won 1-0, but lost the second game of the double-header 4-2. On Sunday Hamilton swept Clarkson of two, winning 8-2 and 12-3. "We knew it was a big weekend and we knew we had to come out and play some baseball," said Sam Bono '00.

The first game against St. Lawrence was a duel of pitchers as Hamilton won 1-0. Senior Co-Captain Matt Klumpp picked up his first win of the season as he pitched six and two-thirds innings, allowing only two hits. Joe Rowbottom '99 got the last out of the inning to pick up the save. Hamilton scored their only run in the sixth inning on a throwing error by the St. Lawrence shortstop.

In the second game freshman Andy Berman took the loss despite fine pitching and the failure of the Continentals to score in the fifth after loading the bases with one out. Berman allowed only two earned runs in the 4-2 loss.

On Sunday Hamilton dominated Clarkson. Freshman Nick Peterson picked up his second win as the team won 8-2. He scattered five hits in his first complete game. Dino Mazzotta '00 plastered a grand slam in the fifth to push the lead to 6-0, his fourth homer of the season. Mike Estreicher '99 had two hits and a double while Mike Peroni '99 had two hits.

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Strong pitching and hard hitting has pushed the Continentals over the .500 mark.

In the second game Rowbottom picked up his third win as Hamilton clubbed Clarkson 12-5. The complete game was his third, the team's most. He gave up nine hits but kept Clarkson to only one earned run. In hitting the captains led the way. Senior Co-Captain Sean Fay laced four hits including one double. Klumpp had two hits, one of them a double, for two runs batted in. Senior Co-Captain Brian Guastella also had two hits. Andy Revell '00 knocked in three ribbies with two hits.

Head Coach Mike Davis applauded his seniors' efforts. "The seniors have contributed very well, with an awful lot of hitting and defense." Matt Kruk, a senior, con-

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Golf rebounds at Hartwick tourney

By Jonathan Cornwell '99
Sports Writer

This past weekend, the Hamilton Golf team played in the Hartwick Invitational at Oneonta country club. After a strong first day, the team faded slightly on the second day, finishing fourth overall out of 12 teams.

The team was led by Jonathan Cornwell '99 (81-83), Darren Fuller '98 (78-88), John Whitwell '98 (84-85), Matt Hemsley '01 (87-82), and Corey Giroux '00 (83-87). After solid play the first day, Hamilton led Williams by one shot and trailed second place Lemoyne by only five.

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> **-Matt Hemsley '01"**

However, the team fell to fourth after posting a 337 the second day. Binghamton, which was led by the fine play of medalist Hal Bruno (74-78), ran away with the team title.

Miserable playing conditions both days made for some unusually high scores on the relatively easy Oneonta layout. The first day, a steady rain made for slick grips and little or no roll on the fairways or greens, while on the second day the temperature ranged from a bone-chilling 35 degrees at tee time to only about 45 degrees by round's end.

Of special note for the Continentals was the strong play of first-year Matt Hemsley— especially on the second day where his 82 was the team's low score. Hemsley feels that he's getting more confident with each passing tournament: "On Monday [the second day] everything was clicking. I didn't want the round to end. Now I'm really looking forward to playing Oak Hill."

In fact, Hemsley's only double bogey of the day came not on the golf course but off it, as following his round he carelessly forgot to put his clubs in the team van forcing the team to return to the course mid way through their return trip.

"What can I say? I'm a freshman and that was a freshman mistake," said Hemsley. "Had I shot 92 instead of 82, the guys might not have been so forgiving."This Friday the team travels to storied Oak Hill golf course in Rochester for the Pete Marwick Invitational. Oak Hill provides one of the sternest tests in golf, especially the treacherous back nine where last year the Continentals squandered a considerable lead on the rest of the field. Hamilton concludes its season the following Saturday and Sunday at Taconic golf course in Williamstown, Massachusetts where the District Championship is being contested.

Women's lacrosse ends season with win

By Elizabeth Crispino '01
Sports Writer

Last Friday at the University of Rochester, the Hamilton Womens' Lacrosse team played a barn-burner of a game, falling short 14-13.

The first half of the game was the most tighly marked game to date–-the team executed well, and was playing incredibly well. Rochester scored the first two goals, only to have Hamilton come back and score four goals. At half-time, the score was Rochester six, and Hamilton five.

Megan Phelps '98 scored two quick goals to put Hamilton ahead 7-6. With 18:53 left in the half, Hamilton was leading 10-7. However, Rochester continued to fight back, exchanging the lead with the Continentals for the rest of the game. With 2:16 left, Weatherly Ramsdell '00 got control of the ball from the draw, and ran it in for a goal. Rochester was able to score another goal, making the final score ending at 14-13.

The game was an incredibly draining game, both physically and emotionally. Sarah Gloo '01 lead the scoring with three goals and an assist, Phelps logged three shots and was perfect, scoring three goals. Nicole Vaughan '99 had an impressive two goals and two assists.

Christa Sinclair '00, Adrien Moseley '01 and Caty Wakefield '01 each had one goal and an assist, with Merril Indoe '01 and Ramsdell each chipping in a goal.

On Sunday afternoon, the Junior Varsity squad faced off against the RIT Varsity team. The score fluctuated back and forth, with the ball going end to end.

Despite the fact that RIT scoring first, Hamilton took a quick 3-1 lead. After RIT began letting up, Hamilton was able to take the lead at halftime, 6-5. The score continued to see-saw, until finally evening out. Regulation ended tied at 9-9. In overtime, RIT scored one, but Hamilton was able to score twice to take the win, 11-10.

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Continental play finishes with a bang.

Vanessa Spilios '01 had the game-winner and three assists, Anneke VanLeer '01 contributed three goals, and Louisa Smith '01 had two goals. Azure Davey '00 and Sarah Richardson '01 each had a goal and an assist, with Kari Diamond '01, Jenny Pope '01 and Pam Dixon '01 having a goal each. Jessica Asrican '01 had a great game in goal, making twenty saves to preserve the win.

The Varsity played their last game on Monday, losing to Union 17-5. Hamilton started off the game poorly, with the half-time score being 8-1. Two quick goals at the beginning of the second half added spark to the game, along with Vaughan's goal with 22:05 to bring the score to 9-4.

The rest of the game, however, was poorly played and Hamilton succumbed to Union. Goalscorers include: Vaughan with three goals, Caty

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